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Kremlin?

From Mary Delevsky

IN WORCOM

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yes-

terday postponed without troubled republic of Molda-

via. The postponement, less

than 24 hours after the visit

had been announced, is seen

as a public relations disaster

and a symptom of the Soviet

A spokesman for the presi-dent said: The trip was planned, but for certain rea-

sons it was postponed."

The Moldavian president

Mircea Suegur, was reported

to have told the republic's

parliament that Mr Gorba-

chev had cancelled after learn-

ing that deputies from the

minority Russian and Turkish populations intended to boy-

con his speech to parliament.

Mr Snegur said: "The presi-dent expressed indignation at

the activities of the extremists

and assessed their behaviour

as a lack of respect." No new

date has been set for the visit.

Gorbachev's intention to visit

Moldavia late on Thursday

and the one-day visit was

planned for yesterday. It had been in the offing since the

Moldavian parliament issued

an invitation during conflicts between the republic's three

main ethnic groups - Roma-

nians, Turks and Russians -

The ethnic Romanian Pop-

ular Front movement, which

suspects Moscow of trying to

thwart the republic's demands

for autonomy by playing the

Romanian majority off

against the other two ethnic

groups, had threatened a big

protest demonstration if Mr

Gorbachev came, There was

speculation that the Molda-

vian authorities might have

been unable to guarantee the

Mr Gorbachev's first trin to

another Soviet republic since

his attempt to deflect Lithua-

January. Since then, he has

made only one other domestic

trip, to the Urals city of

Sverdlovsk. During both vis-

its he was confronted with

angry crowds. The impression

being created is that Mr

Gorbachev is a prisoner in the

Kremlin, unable either to

exert his authority elsewhere

in the country or to travel

The situation in Kishinev is

still volatile after the return of

ethnic Romanian volunteer

groups, armed mostly with

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Baghdad hails "victory for humanity"

# Bush ready to send envoy for Iraq talks

From Peter Stothard, us editor, in washington and Nicholas Beeston in baghdad

PRESIDENT Bush yes- Saddam appeared still not to want him to be sure how terday made a dramatic offer of direct talks with President Saddam Hussein to bring a peaceful end to the Gulf confrontation, in a move hailed in Baghdad as a victory for humanity.

Speaking in the White House, Mr Bush said that he was prepared to send James Baker, the US Secretary of State, on a mission to Baghdad between December 15 and January 15, the date on which the United Nations mandate for the use of force begins.

In a reversal of American policy towards high-level talks between the two countries, Mr Bush also invited Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to Washington for meetings with himself and representatives of the international alliance. in the week beginning Decem-

Mr Bush said that he was step" because President agree to see Mr Baker but "I

understand the seriousness of strongly the President of the his position. He promised that United States feels". The aim not be fought with half-measures. He promised that it would be no Vietnam and that there would be "no murky

who have been counselling patience, Mr Bush said that "we have been patient" but that "time is running out". He said that he would not recall Congress to debate a declaration of war but he called upon Congress itself to convene in order to back the UN resolution on the use of force.

He warned the legislators ainst sending any signals to the Iraqi leader that might seem to show a weakening of

Asked if his diplomatic initiatives, which he said were his own decision, might themselves be taken as a sign of weakness in Baghdad, Mr This meeting could take place Bush said that he was more worried that they would be seen as an ultimatum. He said that he was not sure that prepared to take "the extra President Saddam would

War forgotten in a day at the races

From Nicholas Beeston in Baghdad

esterday to the ultimatum handed to Iraq by the world powers. While the Iraqi leader met in emergency session with his senior colleagues, his countrymen flocked to racetrack and amusement park, and some of his foreign

"enests" even took part in Baghdad's annual marathon. When you walk in here you forget all about the politics outside," said Eidib, president of the Mansour racecourse which for 40 years has provided a badly-needed escape from reality. "Here, the only thing we do is talk and

think about horses." Ibrahim, a British-trained doctor, aged 40 and a regular punter, slapped his betting slip with disgust when Kamal Al-Tanaya, a two-year-old Arabian thoroughbred, came first in the 2.20 after some highly dubious tactics by his Sudanese jockey in the home straight. "I never saw anything like that when I went racing in Britain," he complained.

not enough to rattle Baghdad's the owners' enclosure who long-suffering residents, who until the invasion on August 2 appeared largely oblivious had a well-paid job in Kuwait, was only mildly interested in the UN security council vote.

In Baghdad there are no civil defence exercises to prepare the population against an air strike, no sandbags around vulnerable buildings, and the only indications of an imminent conflict are the crowds of reservists registering at recruitment offices.

However, young men are lining up in their hundreds to get married before being sent to the front in Kuwait.

Even the foreign detainees appear to have taken the UN ultimatum in their stride, and yesterday 35 Westerners, including Britons, Irishmen and even one Russian turned up for the eighth annual Baghdad marathon. "It's not as good as last year, because the good French and German runners have all been allowed to go home," said Pat McGlynn, the insh race winner who finished in 3 hrs 10 mins along a course plotted to avoid sensitive government buildings.

if war did break out it would of the new diplomacy, he said, was to achieve Iraq's unconditional withdrawal from Ku-There will be no con-

cessions, no face-saving offers, In reply to domestic critics he promised. "I want him to see Baker one-on-one, look him straight in the eyes". Mr Bush had been clearly

buoyed by the success of the UN resolution on the use of force on Thursday. After a tion appeared to be losing the argument about the merits of peace and war, he derisively referred to the continuing sessions of the Senate Armed Services Committee as "endless hearings by endless

Yesterday, retired Lieuten-ant-general William Odom, the latest in a long stream of former officials, kept up the campaign that America should continue its present defensive position in Saudi Arabia rather than wage war

Last night the Iraqi regime was visibly ecstatic at the prospects of dialogue and the regime will almost certainly embrace the offer and claim it as a vindication of its policy

lrag has consistently called for dialogue over the stale-mate in the Gulf, while Washington until yesterday insisted that no talks were possible while Iraqi occupation forces remained in Kuwait.

\*This is not only a victory people if is a victory for humanity," said one Iraqi source echoing the reaction among several officials in Baghdad.

However, one senior Iraqi official added that problems could arise over opening negotiations with the US while security council resolution 678 was still in place.

"Talks as serious as this will take weeks and weeks and it would not be constructive to have a clock ticking in the background," said the official referring to the ultimatum.

Britain was informed in advance of President Bush's invitation to Mr Aziz, according to Whitehall sources. The Foreign Office statement said: Anything that would secure full implementation of the security council resolution is to be welcomed."

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#### Two jailed over shares fraud

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

dant, Jonathan Roberts, aged

months' imprisonment and

The 2½ year sentence is

A LANDLORD was sen- Touche Ross, a firm of tenced to 2½ years imprison-accountants policing the issue ment and fined £157,000 using computer matching yesterday for making multiple techniques, picked out similaapplications in government rities in some of the 1,097 privatisation issues, the heaviest sentence yet delivered for ish Gas shares. A co-defensuch an offence.

The punishment coincides with the sell-off of the 12 electricity supply companies in England and Wales, which closes on Wednesday. The fined £100,000. £5.2 billion flotation is the largest since the privatisation

£5.2 billion, last autumn. Michael Row, aged 41, from month term and a £5 million Brighton made profits esti- fine for his part in the illegal mated at £200,000 from his Guinness share support operadealings. He was caught when tion. Ernest Saunders, the

company's former chairman and chief executive was jailed for five years and Anthony Parnes, a stockbroker, was jailed for 21/2 years.

Judge Rohin Laurie, passing applications he made for Brit-

sentence at Southwark Crown Court, said: "It seems to me 36, a former barrister, of that the sentence of this court Peaslake, near Guildford, must be on a level to make Surrey was sentenced to 18 clear ... that ordinary decent people in this country will not stand for this."

Roberts' wife, Janet Thain, among the heaviest handed said he planned to appeal of the water industry, also for down against City crime. Geragainst both his conviction aid Ronson received a 12- and sentence.

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JOHN Major has acted to end net committee, it may not

among his ministers and backbenchers that underlay Margaret Thatcher's downfall.

the Foreign Office that the

The prime minister has THE prime minister last night asked Douglas Hurd, the forhighlighted his concern for the eign secretary, to go ahead with a policy paper on Britain's attitude towards the European Community that

sporting prowess of the na-tion's youth by shifting responsibility for sport from the environment to the eduwill provide a pointer to the government's approach in the John Major also introduced sensitive negotiations beginyounger blood into the ning in Rome in less than two government with the appointweeks on closer union. ment of three backbench MPs, Government sources disincluding a woman, to their closed that the decision to first ministerial jobs. The proceed with the document, changes involved the promofirst hinted at by Mr Hard two tion of two of Douglas Hurd's weeks ago, was taken at Thursday's cabinet. It is assumed in

young

By RICHARD FORD

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

supporters, showing the

science

unity. Mr Major is expected to document will be published, announce further changes to but this was not confirmed by his government on Monday. Downing Street sources. Robert Atkins retains his Earlier this week Mr Hurd job as sports minister, but responsibility for sport is moved to the education and said he had not been able to win Mrs Thatcher's agreement to publication of what would department.A effectively be a white paper on Downing Street spokesman Europe. All resistance to the said that this reflected the document apparently evapo-rated at the first cabinet prime minister's interest in sport, particularly among

presided over by Mr Major. Ministers discussed the Tim Yeo, aged 45, par-Rome inter-governmental hamentary private secretary conferences (IGCs) on polto Douglas Hurd, joins the itical, economic and monetary environment départment as a union on Thursday. Accordparliamentary under secreting to government sources, Mr Major then asked Mr Hurd to produce the document.

ary. Ann Widdecombe, aged 43, who supported Mr Hurd in the leadership contest, be-It is understood that the comes a partiamentary under Foreign Office is trying to meet the December 14 deadsecretary at the social security department. Michael Jack, line for the opening of the aged 44, joins the the social IGCs. However, given the security department as a jucomplexity of the issues to be covered and the need to take the paper through the usual Sport on the more, page 31 policy-making process of cabi-

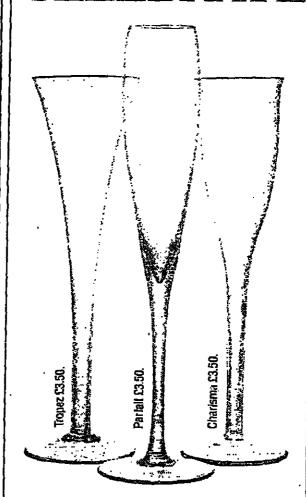
**European policy** 

the divisions over Europe appear until the new year. Foreign Office sources said that Mr Hurd would not be stampeded into producing an ill-prepared text.

Labour, which is moving towards acceptance of a single currency, yesterday dismissed the government's move as an Continued on page 30, col 7

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GLASSES AT PRICES TO CELEBRATE



# One small step to print a footnote in history

By MICHAEL DYNES TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Hamlen, a 58-year-old construc-

tion engineer from Bristol, will secure a place in history today after becoming the first Englishman to travel between France and Britain using the Channel He will make the 38-mile journey between the two terminal sites at

Coquelles and Cheriton at the same time as Robert Houbion, his French counterpart, sets off in the other direction. Mr Hamlen is expected to arrive at the Eurotunnel exhibition centre at Cheriton, near Folkestone, about 2.15pm. He

construction workers selected to make breakthrough will be broadcast by ITN, the final link-up between Britain and France will use jack-hammers to make a hole between the two tunnel sections. When it is big enough for them to see each other face-to-face, they will shake hands, exchange a Union Jack and Tricolour, and drink champagne.

It is thought the French connection will be made about midday by Phillipe Cozette, a buiky 37-year-old tunneller from Calais, whose grasp of the English language is to reputed to extend to the two choice phrases: "how are you?" and which has secured exclusive television rights for an undisclosed fee.

nior minister.

The meeting will be the culmination of a 200-year dream to link the British Isles to the European Continent, which began in 1802 when Albert Mathieu, one of Napoleon Bonaparte's engineers, proposed a bold, if impractical, scheme. Mr Hamlen, who is married with three

sons, has worked on construction projects all over the world. But the Channel tunnel project "will be the highlight of my career," he said. here is a cake."

"I have been working on this job for five years and this beattheauth."

# Heseltine searches for a poll tax solution to satisfy everyone



MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, will this weekend be immersing himself in the latest position papers on the poll tax prepared for his predecessor, Chris Patten, by his civil servants. The issues of local taxation are complicated enough, but they are made worse by the need to neutralise the issue before a general election. Mr Heseltine needs to find both a short-term and a long-term solution.

In the short term, any solution involves extra government money aimed with precision at the households and individuals who lost most from the move away from the rates. Many of the heaviest losers are in work, on middle or lower incomes, and living in relatively small properties. Often they are owneroccupiers or recent purchasers of council homes - classical marginal voters concentrated in many key constituents in the North and the Midlands. The best short-term way of putting money back in the pockets of the biggest losers is to As the new environment secretary Michael Heseltine sets about the delicate task of defusing the poll tax 'bomb' Tony Travers outlines the various options open to him

extend the so-called "transitional relief" scheme, introduced for 1990 at the last moment, when backbench MPs realised just how badly many of their constituents would be hit by the new tax. Following the political revolt in the spring of this year, the Government has announced that the scheme will be slightly more

generous in 1991. But even the 1991 transitional relief will leave millions of individuals with local tax bills much higher than under the rates. To appease them, more will have to be given in transitional relief to those who already qualify. Many others will have to receive relief for the first time. The full cost is impossible to calculate precisely, though £2 billion might be needed. The rebate scheme could also be made more generous, to help the poorest nine million poll tax payers. More people could be made eligible for rebates. Some might be let off the tax.

All of this would, of course, further add to the extra costs of short-term reforms. Though, through charge capping, the govcrament would be able to prevent the extra simply leading to local government spending more. However, these immediate changes would damage the accountability which the government wanted to achieve with the community charge.

These short-term measures might hold the line, but in the long-term, Mr Heseltine will have to search for a new, or radically

changed, system of local government finance. It would be impractical to expect legislation to be on the statute book before the next election, so proposals will presumably be included in the Conservatives' next manifesto. Reforms might then be enacted in 1992 or 1993.

What are the options? They appear to be:

☐ to keep the community charge, though with a range of "temporary" reliefs and benefits in

☐ to keep the charge, though at very much lower levels of tax than at present. This reduction could be achieved by taking education (and possibly other services) out of local control. To cut the average charge in half, to about £200, would however be equivalent to about 3p or 4p on basic rate income tax.

to alter the charge radically, so that it varies depending upon what band of income the poll tax payer falls into. Mr Heseltine wrote supporting such a notion in

People with no taxable income would pay a fraction of the standard level of charge, while those on higher incomes might pay twice the standard level.

together and return to the previous system of domestic rates. This could be done in the first year after legislation had been passed through Parliament, and it would be possible - though administratively expensive - to keep a small flat-rate add-on

charge for all non-householders. to abandon the charge and introduce a new system of domestic property tax based on the capital values of housing, as opposed to the rental values upon which the old rating system stood. Nigel Lawson has revealed that the Treasury had such a plan though he still wanted to remove education from local financial

☐ to abandon the charge and introduce one or more other taxes, such as local income tax or Economics.

l Adems (Lab) R Mullin (SNP) E Marwick (Con

**PAISLEY NORTH** 

Total vote 25,828 Turnout 54%

Swing: Lab to SNP 14% Share of vote: Lab 43.9%; SNP 29.4%; Con 14.6%; Lib Dem 8.3%;

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such schemes in the past because of the economic impact and

administrative complexity. to abandon the charge and finance the whole of local government spending out of central sources. Losing £14 billion in local tax would require an increase in national taxation equivalent to about 7p on income

All these options have profound political and constitutional implications because of their impact on the relationship between central and local government. The debate is only just beginning. Mr Heseltine yesterday admitted his job of sorting out the poll tax could take time. "It has to be done carefully," he said. Hewas speaking as he arrived to address Tories in Monmouth, Gwent, his first public engagement since returning to the Cabinet.

Tony Travers is Director of Research at the London School of

G McMaster (Lab) I Lawson (SNP) J Workman (Con) A Reld (Lib-Dem)

Total vote 27,062

**PAISLEY SOUTH** 

Swing: Lab to SNP 11.8% Share of vote: Lab 46.1%; SNP 27.5%; Con 13.4%; Lib Dam 9.8%;

# Labour shrugs off trimmed majority in double victory

THE Labour party yesterday their deposits. Chris Patten, was, however, a reasonable sought to make the best of a the Conservative party chair-performance by the SNP. The victory in which it won the man, said the results showed Paisley North and Paisley South by-elections, although it Conservative share of the saw its majorities savaged by the Scottish National party. Donald Dewar, Labour's the nationalists had failed in

their challenge and the Conservatives had had a miserable night. He shrugged off his party's lacklustre perforbut significant start." "We were there to be shot at," he said. "There was a lot of flak coming at us from every direction, so it was an

extremely good result for us. "Our prospects remain extremely bright and we face the next few months with great confidence," Mr Dewar said. He claimed the Tories had done badly in Paisley at the 1987 general election and had repeated their poor showing in the by-elections. "Signs of a ley North MP, said: "One of Tory revival are really just optimistic nonsense. The Major factor was not a major factor. The Tories were seen as

The Tories were relieved that their vote held up almost to the level of the general election. Early in the campaign there had been talk that

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"a substantial increase in the vote. It is good news and a challenge for us to sustain that over the next few months". Lord Sanderson, the party's Scottish chairman, said: "I do of independence in Europe think John Major will improve our chances in Scotland and these results are a small

The promised breakthrough by the nationalists failed to materialise. The early bandwagon ground to a halt, outshone by national events and obviously bogged down by the SNP's campaign for non-payment of the poll tax. The campaign backfired with too many people angered that their bills will rise next year to take account of the level of

Irene Adams, the new Paisthe things which crushed the SNP was their poll tax stance. People were very, very an-noyed by it. I think that was proved when they dumped the policy halfway through the campaign. That decision had nothing to do with Mr Major their candidates could lose getting on the doorsteps." It tic and hypocritical.

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nationalists saw a swing of 14 per cent to themselves from Labour in Paisley North, and an 11.8 per cent swing in Paisley South. Alex Salmond, the party leader, said the swing to the SNP had put its policy centre stage in the coming general election.

Yesterday the Scottish Constitutional Convention issued its blueprint for a Scottish parliament with the publication of Towards Scotland's Parliament, which has been 18 months in the making. its members, the Labour party, the Liberal Democrats, trade unionists, churchmen and councillors, hope to widen the debate into the public arena in time for the next general election. The the convention and the Tories have labelled it a gutless talking shop.

Mr Salmond challenged the convention leaders to agree to a multi-option referendum. That would ask Scots whether they wanted limited devolution, a retention of the status quo or full independence but had everything to do with within Europe. Mr Dewar has the results the SNP were called his demand opportunis-

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Victory salute: Mrs Adams acknowledging supporters after winning Paisley North "One of the things which crushed the SNP was their poll tax stance," she said

#### Major pleads for Heseltine backers

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

where supporters of Mr Heseltine face the possibility of being deselected by activists

loyal to Mrs Thatcher. Mr Major's attempt to rea meeting in London on Tuesday when he will, under Conservative rules, "be pre-

A senior aide said: "He is not a vengeful person. He will try to get that message across." Kenneth Baker, the former campaign team was in the party chairman and his Torridge and West Devon successor, Chris Patten, have constituency where the MP also appealed for peace and Emma Nicholson has been harmony, but stressed that criticised for switching her they have little power to support from Mrs That-cher intervene to halt any moves

party leader"

towards deselecting MPs. Several prominent backbench supporters of Mr Heseltine are facing diffi-culties with their local constituency associations for suppor-ting the former defence the resignation of Sir Peter secretary. Michael Mates, the Tapsell, MP for East Lindsey, MP for East Hampshire, faces a resolution calling for the start of a selection procedure to choose a new candidate for his seat on December 17.

THE prime minister will apvarive agent has had 500 peal for party unity next week telephone calls and 200 letters in an attempt to end conflict about the leadership. Most in a number of constituencies oppose the action of the MP, Cyril Townsend, who backed Mr Heseltine.

The local assocation will hold a meeting on January 3 to discuss the leadership elecstore harmony will be made at tion, and Mr Townsend will be asked to explain his actions. "We cannot brush this under the carpet as it would sented for confirmation as blow up again in six or nine months time." Mr Alec Mayne, the agent, said.

Yesterday Gerry Neale, a member of Mrs Thatcher's to Mr Heseltine, Although the constituency agent has received phone calls and letters calling for Miss Nicholson to be deselected, Mr Neale urged

reconciliation and unity.

Calls have been made for Lincolnshire, who nominated Mr Heseltine in the leadership contest. Some party members say that his role in Mrs Thatcher's fall from power In Bexleyheath, the Conser- was unforgiveable.

#### Greens 3.6% 1987: A Adams (Lab) 20.193; E Laing (Con) 5.751; E McCartin (SDP/All) 5.741; I Taylor (SN4,696. Lab maj. 14,442. Greens 3.1% 1987: N Buchan (Lab) 21,611; A Carmichael (L/All) 5,826; O Williamson (Con) 5,644; J Mitchell (SNP) 5,398. Lab maj. 15,785. Paisley polls leave Kinnock no room

11,353 7,583 3,835 2,139 918

for complacency By JOHN CURTICE

retained both seats in Paisley, the result increases doubts about the party's general election prospects. The result also shows that the Scottish nationalists are back in the centre of Scottish politics, if not yet in a position to repeat their October 1974 break-through, and Margaret Thatcher's removal from No 10 has given the Conser-their October 1974 break-can't pay, won't pay poli tax campaign seems to have done rather less damage than had 10 has given the Conservatives an electoral boost.

Although avoiding a repeat of the Govan disaster, Laconstituencies. The party could claim that both seats been held on to its vote.

have claimed that Scottish by- a barrier to Labour voters. elections are more difficult for England because of the doubtedly a protest vote. The nationalists' ability to win the exit poll suggested the vote protest vote. Labour's perfor- would have been five points mance was rather bad, how- lower in a general election. ever, even by recent Scottish However, since it has been by-elections standards. Its consistently scoring about a support fell more than in both fifth of the vote in the Scottish Glasgow Central last year and in three of the four Scottish by-elections held in the 1979-83 Parliament. The Labour either in or outside Europe, vote was also five points lower than the regional election results in Paisley in May.

Rather than just showing a results seem to confirm that Labour popularity has waned North suggested that one reason might be doubts about of the Falklands war - has the Neil Kinnock's leadership. Tory vote fallen by as little as One in five of those who said one point. they had voted for the party

same of John Major. The nationalists' by-election performance in this Parliament is more consistent than at any time since 1970-4. They have made substantial

ALTHOUGH Labour safely gains in Labour territory in four by-elections and, according to the BBC exit poll, more than a third of the party's support came from former

In Paisley South, however, the nationalists' performance was weaker than in Glasgow

It is true that only 24 per cent of Paisley North voters bour's vote fell heavily in both told NOP they supported the nationalists' line, while 54 per cent accepted Labour's poswere safe and that it had made ition that although the tax is substantial progress in both unfair it should be paid, but 30 areas at the last general elec- per cent of Labour voters tion, but Labour should have accepted the nationalists' argument, suggesting that Spokesmen for the party their campaign did not present

> Some of the Scottish polis for more than two years, and 37 per cent of the elec-torate favours independence the nationalists are in a good poistion to improve their vote

of 14 per cent in 1987. The Conservatives started specific Scottish difficulty, the the campaign fearing a lost deposit and ended up with their best by-election perforin the wake of the Tory mance for eight years. Not leadership change. The since the Coatbridge and Air-NOP/BBC exit poll in Paisley
North suggested that one reaheld in the immediate wake

Repeated across Scotland, said he was either "not very good" or "not at all good", while only 2 per cent of only 14 seats, and lan Lang. Conservative voters said the the Scottish secretary, would lose his Galloway seat to the

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#### **PAISLEY IN PERSPECTIVE** Change in % vote since 1987

Lib/Dem Lab 1988 Glasgow Govan June 1989 Glasgow Central Nov 1990 Paisley North Nov 1990 Paisley South +38.4 +20.2 -27.8 -9.0 -7.5 -5.3 -9.9

# Souvenir hunter left PM speechless

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

JOHN Major was temporarily lost for off-the-cuff and, according to the Tory have proved difficult in Altrincham, words at his first speaking engagement as prime minister, it was disclosed

After his nervous debut at the Commons dispatch box on Thursday, Mr Major fumbled another chance when he rose to speak to the annual dinner of Altrincham and Sale Conservatives around 10pm that day.

The text of his speech, distributed to political reporters in London more than a hour before, had mysteriously disappeared from the table at which the prime minister was sitting with Sir Fergus Montgomery, the local MP, and Beryl Collins, chairman of the association. Mr Major told the 220 guests at the Cresta Court hotel, Altrincham, that somebody had apparently walked off with his speech.

"It wasn't a very good speech any-way," he joked. "Never mind, I'll give another one." His audience was not disappointed. The prime minister spoke

central office press officer with him, covered the areas set out in his text.

"Only the words were slightly different. The sentiment was the same," his press officer said. The missing text was not found.

Mr Major had been signing programmes and menus for the party faithful before finding himself in the predicament every after-dinner speaker dreads. It is thought that a particularly enthusiastic souvenir hunter was

Mr Major was fulfilling an engagement made two years ago, when he was chief secretary to the Treasury. He had had to cancel it once because it clashed with the

The prime minister's awkward moment was confirmed by government sources. They said that he frequently adlibbed at such gatherings and that reporters should take care to check his words against a printed text. That would

however, since the press was excluded from the dinner.

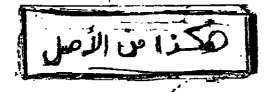
"He very rarely sticks to the text. He tends to ad lib. He was forced to ad lib rather more than usual last night," a senior government source said

Mr Major's supposed remarks, in which he set out his vision of a softer, more compassionate Conservatism and struck a more positive attitude towards Europe than his predecessor, were widely reported on the front pages of yesterday's

Only 220 Tories know whether the papers were telling the whole truth and

nothing but the truth.

Mr Major's discomfiture paled into insignificance alongside the indignity once visited on Sir Geoffrey Howe, however, whose Commons speech paved the way for the former chancellor's accession. He once lost his trousers on a



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# حكدا سالاصل Major pledges to keep Wakeham in gender battle

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major's cabinet re- onslaught on Mr Major's de- However, yesterday Mrs shuffle ran into further difficulty last night when it was male cabinet in a generation. disclosed that he had been forced to reassure John leader, accused Mr Major of

Speculation that the energy secretary might step down to make way for Lynda Chalker in the cabinet after electricity privatisation provoked a personal telephone call from the prime minister to one of the government's longest-serving and most senior ministers. Mr Major told Mr Wakeham that it was ludicrous that there should be any doubt about his position in the upper echelons of the government.

Rumours about Mr Wakeham's long-term future were fuelled at Westminster by the mystery over the reasons for Mrs Chalker's two apparently fruitless visits to Downing Street earlier this week as the prime minister set about restructuring the administration he inherited from Margaret Thatcher.

Yesterday, that puzzle was solved when Mrs Chalker, on working holiday in Paris, assued a statement indicating that she had turned down the offer of a move to a party post from her ministerial slot at the overseas development depart-

joins the government for the

first time, has developed a

reputation as a doughty fighter

during her three and half years

She moved into the national spotlight during the last ses-

sion of parliament, when she

was in the vanguard of the fight against easier abortion

and more liberal laws on

the turbulence of the leader-

clear her anger at the moves to

dislodge Mrs Thatcher from No 10. When the former

Miss Widdecombe backed

After convent school in

Bath, she studied at

Birmingham university and Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford,

before joining the marketing department of Unilever.

interest in defence by becom-

ing a founding member and

vice-chairman of the Women

for Families and Defence, a

The daughter of a former director general at the defence ministry, she showed her own

Douglas Hurd.

During the past fortnight, in

the yet-to-be-born

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

ANN Widdecombe, who at 43 counter-organisation to CND.

ship elections, she has made Liberal Alliance candidate.

political interests.

After a short period in local

government, she sought a

wider stage by fighting Burn-ley in the general election of

1979 and Dr David Owen at

Plymouth, Devonport in

became vacant with the retire-

ment of the sitting Conser-

vative, she comfortably beat off a challenge from the SDP-

When the Maidstone seat

Wakeham that his position turning the cabinet into a was not in jeopardy. better wake up to the fact that now, in the 1990s, it is simply not acceptable for a prime minister in a democracy to exclude women from being in the cabinet. Women are taxpayers, they are supposed to be equal citizens under the law, they bear full responsibilities for working and caring and much more.

"It is bad enough when a prime minister's prejudice, ignorance and thoughtlessness deny cabinet places to women. But the real insult only becomes fully obvious when you look at the quality of the men who are in the cabinet."

Sources close to Mr Wakeham said that the energy secretary "had no intention of going anywhere" and there were no plans for any changes to his department

The prime minister wanted Mrs Chalker, the most senior woman member of the old government and accept a high-profile" job within the Conservative party. He had overseas development depart-ment. Her statement did noth-Chalker on Wednesday eveing to stop the Labour ning and Thursday morning.

administration, to leave the Trippier, who combined his the countryside with party duties for a year, Doughty fighter for

In the Commons on Thurs day, Mr Major said that women would only reach the top on merit. Three hours later, with the prime minister clearly dismayed by the ensu-ing uproar, Gillian Shephard, the newly promoted Treasury Downing Street to relay much television cameras. Later in the evening, Mr Major took the even more unusual step of issuing a statement saying that

Mrs Chalker, who styled retary on her arrival at the Foreign Office at middleranking minister of state level in 1986, has been in the government for the past 11 years. She has a majority of only 279 in her Wallasey seat on Merseyside. A campaign-ing role with particular responsibility for northern marginal seats would have given her more time to defend

Clifford Longley, page 16

that she had rejected the move and would be staying in the post she has held for the past It also appeared that Mrs

Chalker would have had to made a big financial sacrifice to accept the move. As a minister of state, she earns £44,591 a year, but a Central Office spokesman said the deputy chairmanship was an Government sources in-

15 months.

dicated yesterday Friday that Mr Major regarded his offer of full-time deputy chairman-ship of the party in the run-up to election as a good move for Mrs Chalker. "The reason he was doing it was he wanted her profile to go up." He had no complaints about

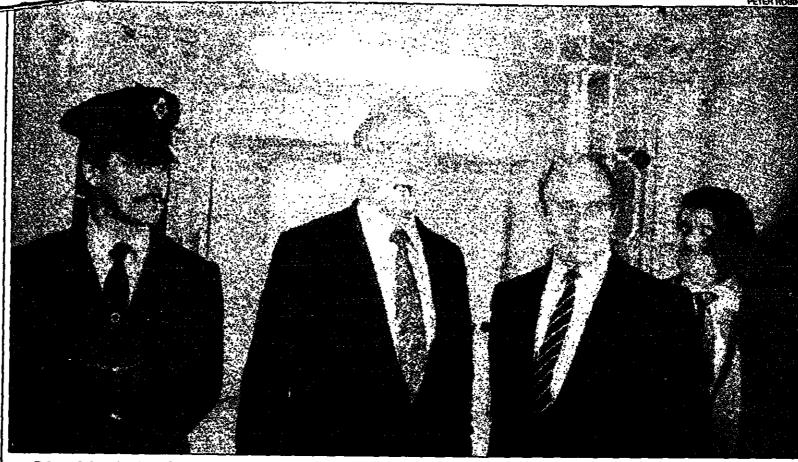
the way she was doing her ministerial job, but he believed that given the amount of travel involved it would not be practical to hold both posts. John Cope gave up his post at the Northern Ireland Office on Thursday to become the new full-time deputy chairman in succession to David responsibilities as minister for

Labour has been quick to pounce on what it regards as the new prime minister's first gaffe. Tory women MPs have clashed over the issue and there is some anxiety on the Conservative benches that what was widely seen as a skillful reshuffle designed to restore party unity has been marred by uncertain

She lists defence as one of her men had better watch out because there could be women in the cabinet in the next few

her toehold in the Commons

Widdecombe: defence is a political interest



Prison pledge: the Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, spending his first working day in his new post with the prison governor, John Aldridge, in a visit to Gloacester prison. Mr Baker pledged more cash for the fight against crime "because we believe it is money well spent"

#### **fundane red boxes beckon to new cabinet**

By Richard Ford POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AS THE heady excitement that has gripped the Conservative party for the past 17 days evaporates, John Major's revamped cabinet will settle down at the weekend to the more mundane task of dealing with ministerial red

For those appointed to new cabinet jobs, it will mean a period of civil service briefings along with a detailed study of documents on forthcoming legislation and the decisions that they

Mr Major returned to his home at Great Stukeley, Cambridgeshire, last night for the first time since entering No 10, to be greeted by the communications and security para-

phernalia that surrounds a prime minister. Today he will attend an engagement in his constituency, but the rest of the weekend will be spent on an agenda where the situation in the Gulf and developments in Europe will be top priority.

Malcolm Rifkind, the new trans port secretary, will also have a high public profile over the weekend. Today he will be under the English Channel for the breakthrough of the service tunnel. Mr Rifkind will be joined by his French counterpart, and they will walk along the tunnel.

He will then return to his Edinburgh constituency to study briefing documents on his department's heavy legislative programme. Cecil Parkinson, his predecessor, has bequeathed four measures that must be piloted

through Parliament: a new road traffic bill; a move to allow toll roads; privatisation of the trust ports; and a proposed second bridge across the Improvements to the public trans-

port system and the reduction of congestion in London and other big cities are also high on Mr Rifkind's agenda, along with the continuing dispute over a high-speed rail link between London and the Channel tunnel, on which a decision is needed by next summer.

Meanwhile, Michael Heseltine spent Thursday afternoon with officials discussing options for reforming the poll tax, a task likened by Chris Patten, his predecessor, to "defusing a bomb". With substantial reforms almost impossible before the

next general election. Mr Heseltine will be looking at practical short-term measures to alleviate some of the difficulties caused by the tax, both to the public and the Tories' electoral

In his Surrey constituency, Kenneth Baker's reading will include the criminal justice bill, which has just had its second reading, and the likely financial implications of Lord Justice Woolf's enquiry into the prison riots and conditions in many jails.

But spare a thought for the Conservative member for Finchley. For the first weekend in 111/2 years, there will be no red boxes to be worked on until the small hours of the morning. Even Kipling, Mrs Thatcher's favourite author, is unlikely to provide much

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for the hostess at No 10 By NICHOLAS WATT

Image-makers offer hints

NORMA Major will not be ances Mrs Major has seemed short of advice on how to handle the strain of becoming a leading public figure overnight. Although she has said that she wants family life to carry on as normal. she will inevitably have to carry out public duties on official occasions that could terrify anyone.

According to Susan Crosland, the widow of Anthony Crosland, the late foreign secretary, her self-esteem and sense of the right prior-ities will ensure that Mrs Major adapts to the stresses.

In her early public appear-

THE SUNDAY TIMES Ingham: hit man at No 10

"The lobby had witnessed some skulduggery over the years, but never anything quite like this. Never before had the government's official spokesman - a civil servant deliberately

to the entire lobby, and done so only moments after the prime minister had given MPs an entirely different version of events."

disparaged a minister

Robert Harris, from his

nervous and uncertain. She told interviewers that she felt physically sick with terror when her husband became foreign secretary and that she could not bear to watch herself on television this week. She has also insisted on maintaining her family life with their two teenage children at their Huntingdon home rather than move to

Mrs Crosland admires Mrs Major for standing firm: She does not intend her family life to be locked in the embrace of those civil servants perched in offices all over No 10. And she certainly isn't interested in the ad-men and fashion writers telling her how she could look 38 if only she took their advice," Mrs Crosland said.

Dr Robert Cohen, a consultant psychiatrist at London's Charter Nightingale Hospital, said Mrs Major's insistence on wearing unspectacular clothes and keeping the family together showed she was "tenaciously holding on to" her familiar

ways. He added she would undoubtedly be stung by the comments about her unimaginative dress sense because "you need the skin of a rhino" to laugh them off.

But as an intelligent person she would be able to cope with the changes imposed on her life if she tackled them gradually. She would, however, experience enormous anxiety as she

tried to adapt. Another London doctor who has advised companies on how to look after directors' wives at parties, said that Mrs Major would at first feel very insecure at the

she would have to attend. At each event the host should provide a "nice smart young man" to talk to her about her interests in opera and the That would family. immediately integrate her into the gathering and let her go home feeling confident. He said that Edward Heath was a shy person at social gatherings and when he was prime minister there was always someone who had been briefed on topics

that were familiar to him.

The doctor said the prime minister would face the conflicting loyalties of the state and his family, and Mrs Major's emotional needs would be neglected, however unwittingly. That would mean she would need the emotional maximum

Judyth Halpin, director of Cambridge image consultants First Impressions, who has written offering her services, said that Mrs Major, an attractive women, would increase her confidence by sharpening up rather than changing her appearance.

Mrs Halpin said she would cut Mrs Major's hair, which was long and floppy, and style it in a more sophisticated way. She pointed out that Princess Diana was initially very shy and not particulalry well dressed but now looked superb. She would advise Mrs Major to wear strong colours but her natural fair colouring would mean a choice of light rather than dark navy clothing. The balance would be to create powerful looks in keeping with her personality.

"It would be a matter of

building on her own strengths," Mrs Halpin said.

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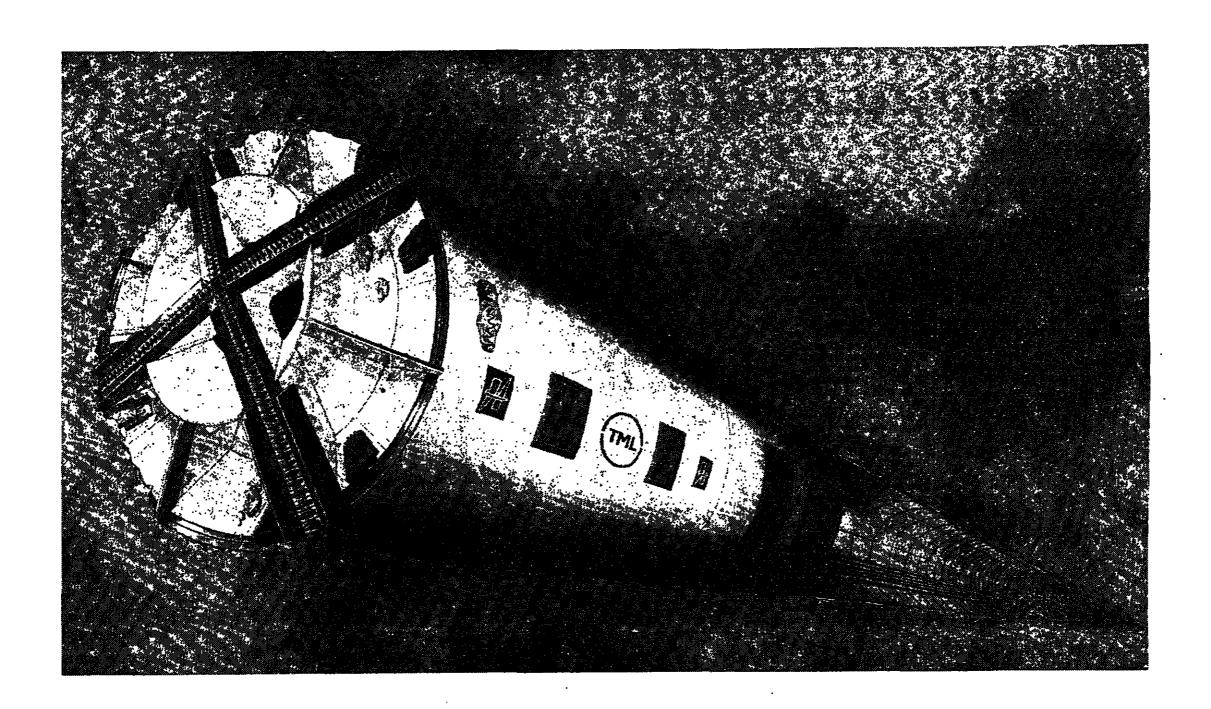
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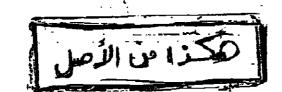


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# Crime squad made up confessions and evidence, QC says

AN UNPRECEDENTED re- the first time the authority had that of 85 individual comport on investigations into the given a court such a statistical former West Midlands serious crime squad showed a "strik- It had been requested three ingly similar pattern" of fabricated evidence, the Court of Lord Chief Justice, and two Appeal was told yesterday. It heard there were 53

case of a man who claimed he was framed by detectives. The claims that his confessions judges heard claims that the were fabricated by squad special report prepared by the officers, the Police Complaints Authority on the behaviour of Edwards, argued yesterday squad officers helped show that detectives manufactured court should take into account false confessions. There were the report on the conduct in allegations of fabricated interview notes in more than 30 cases as part of a "eightpattern"

The authority is supervising an investigation by West Yorkshire police into the now disbanded squad after the allegations of fabricated evidence in criminal cases. It was

summary of an investigation. colleagues, in the adjourned case of John Edwards, aged 26, separate allegations, including from Manchester, who is servperjury and conspiracy, ing a 14-year sentence for against seven officers in the armed robbery. He is appealing against conviction and

trial on charges of perjury. Mr Hacking said there were also He alleged it was clear the 13 parallels between Edwards' case and that of Hassan Khan. from north Wales, whose conviction for armed robbery was quashed by the Court of Appeal in February because of doubts over crime squad

#### Call for improved science teaching

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

Lord Porter of Luddenham, the outgoing president of the Royal Society, yesterday cal- our leaders chosen from the led for education reforms to ensure that everyone was taught science from the age of five to 18.

In his final address to the society, Lord Porter said one of its main challenges over the next few years would be to finish the job that had been started in bringing science Porter said. education to all British He sugges citizens.

"The worst aspect of our educational system is the early specialisation at A-level," he said. Although committees and commissions had debated the best way of including both sciences and languages at this

level, nothing had happened.
"It is difficult for ministers, some with little or no secondary education in science, to appreciate the anger and frustration which scientists levels. have iong feit at a system which is controlled and guided by those who have little understanding of what makes scientists tick or appreciation of what science has done and will do for mankind."

The politicians were not to blame any more than the newspaper sub-editors who could not supply a correctly worded headline for a scientific paragraph. "They are all victims of a system that will not be changed until we have enough teachers of science, properly trained in their subjects, teaching all children in school from the age of five to

Anthony Hacking, QC, for that in hearing the appeal the other cases of the seven officers in Edwards' case and the behaviour of other squad

of officers. behaviour of detectives established a strikingly similar pattern between 1986-9 involving evidence that had been fabricated and tampered

science and one language, he

During yesterday's hearing, the court was told that The Times and the Birmingham Post in yesterday's editions had carried reports that 17 former officers of the serious crime squad who had been on non-operation duties during the West Yorkshire enquiry 18, so that never again are we had been returned to full duty all half-educated with most of by West Midlands police. Mr Justice Alliott said he had read they had been exonerated. The A-level pupils should study court was told that among five subjects, including one those returning to full duty

said. University teachers Edwards case. would argue that entry stan-Mr Hacking said the newsdards in their subject would paper reports were not based fall if students wasted their on information from the chief time on other subjects, Lord constable of the West Midlands. "The timing is very

were three of the seven in the

plaints by convicted men

under investigation both by

West Yorkshire and West

Midlands police, there were 15

allegations that false confes-

sions had been manufactured

in police cars during journeys

with suspects.
Mr Hacking said 37 people

out of 80 people alleged they were refused access to a

solicitor after their arrest and

20 claimed they did not sign

interview notes because they

were fabricated. There were

seven cases where interview

of the seven officers in the

Edwards case was awaiting

The court was told that one

notes had disappeared.

interesting," he said. He said that in the past the He suggested, however, that flexible degree courses of be-Police Complaints Authority tween two and four years had declined to disclose the could meet that need. Many kind of information it had school-leavers who would not go to university now or seek | made available to the court an academic career might because of restrictions in the prefer a two-year pass degree. Police and Criminal Evidence
Lord Porter blamed poor Act. It was the first case where teaching, poor funding and it had happened.

James Wadsworth, QC, for poor rewards for those who went into scientific careers for the Crown, urged the Court of a steady fall in the number of Appeal to consider a full students opting for science A- report by West Yorkshire police on the Edwards case that was delivered to the Director of Public Prosecutions on Wednesday. It ran to 120 pages and had 1,400 submissions and supporting documents. He said Edwards conviction was safe and

satisfactory. The information supplied to the court had no real detail and dealt with no more than allegations. "There is a real possibility of a bandwagon effect by defendants once it was known there were allegations against the serious crime

Lord Lane adjourned judgment in the case



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Evidence claim: Joseph Kennedy, right, at Long Lartin prison. With him is Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four

#### Birmingham Six 'can be cleared'

proves the innocence of the six men serving life sentences for the IRA Birmingham pub bombings in which 21 people died, it was claimed yesterday. Joseph Kennedy, the US congressman, made the allegation after he had visited the Birmingham Six in their prisons at Long Lartin, Worcestershire, and Gartry, Leicestershire.

As he left Long Lartin where three of the men - Hugh Callaghan, Johnny Walker and Gerry Hunter - are being held, he called on John Major to review the men's case and the whole British policy towards Northern Ireland, Mr Kennedy, who has campaigned for the

men's release and other civil rights issues, declined to say what the new evidence was, but said he would be making a further statement about it later when more details became available." I have not met with the IRA. I will not meet with the IRA and I abhor political violence and would never use my family's name for influence to promote the use of violence," he added.

"The decision to keep them in prison is much more based on politics than facts, and I think there is a unique opportunity for Mr Major to be able to make any clear review both of this case and of the policies regarding the north of Ireland. Being here at a time when

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your country is seeing so much change, we hope that this is a moment in a history when the various policies can be reviewed." he added.

When asked about his reaction to claims that he was interfering with British justice and trying to attract the American Irish vote, he replied: "I already get 99.9 per cent of the Irish vote in my area. Anyone who thinks I will get more as a result of this visit. does not understand American politics."

Mr Kennedy was accompanied by Courtney, his sister, Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four and Bart Gordon, a

#### **Devolution** hopes rise after talks on Ulster

By Edward Gorman irish affairs CORRESPONDENT

AFTER months of stalemate, there were encouraging signs yesterday that the government's initiative on devolution for Northern Ireland could produce inter-party talks in the new year.

Following a day-long dis-cussion with Gerry Collins, the Irish foreign minister, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, was quietly confident that a breakthrough could be on on the cards. It is thought that the two governments have arrived at broad agreement on the mechanics of how and when negotiations between Northern Ireland's political leaders and Dublin should begin in Mr Brooke's three-tiered talks process. That has been the sticking point since July 5.

The latest approach is thought to involve Mr Brooke acting, with prior agreement from all parties, as arbiter over when "North-South con-tacts" should start. That is thought to be acceptable to the nationalist SDLP and to lan Paisley's Democratic Unionthe Ulster Unionist party leader, has, however, called it unrealistic.

Mr Brooke is expected to meet Mr Molyneaux and Mr Paisley and, separately, leaders of the SDLP within the next week, to seek their acceptance of the new approach.

After the talks last night, Mr Brooke said: "If we were to find an arrangement which was acceptable to the SDLP and the unionists as a result of this round of conversations on which I shall embark. I would have thought that we would be likely to have the basis of a

#### Barrage threat to work restoring river salmon

the valleys.

century.

THE proposed Cardiff Bay more. Dr Mawle said that barrage could seriously before the industrial revolutionate 20 years of work to tion the Taff had enjoyed restore salmon to the Taff, a prolific salmon runs. conference in London, organised by the Atlantic Salmon Trust and the Institute of Fisheries Management, was

told yesterday.

Dr Guy Mawle, of the
National Rivers Authority, said that a barrier across the entrance to the bay would prevent any fish entering the river from the sea. Even if fish passes were

built and water quality in the enclosed lagoon strictly monitored, he anticipated that numbers would fail by at least one-third, and possibly much

#### opens on surgeons

century, however, almost all at an inquest opened in Wakefish life had been destroyed by over-extraction and as a result field, West Yorkshire, into the of pollution from more than deaths of two consultant plastic surgeons at the town's Pinderfields Hospital. 150 coal mining operations in Mr Kenneth Paton, aged 56,

During the 1970s and 1980s, when most of the mines closed, there had been a big improvement in water quality and, for much of its length, it now met EC criteria. By restocking, the authority was told. hoped to see up to 500 rod catches a year by the end of the

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# Inquest

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was stabbed in the chest more than 20 times and Mr Michael Masser, aged 42, sustained six stab wounds to the neck and chest, coroner Mr Philip Gill Detective Superintendent George McKeating told the inquest that a man had appeared before Wakefield Magistrates Court accused of murdering the two plastic surgeons, and had been remanded in

The inquest was adjourned.

#### Dog poison fear

Thames Valley police are investigating the death of an Alsatian dog, valued at E7,000, which may have been poisoned by rival breeders. The dog's owner, Jim Haydon of Enslow, near Bletchingdon, Oxon, was on holiday when the dog received a fatal dose of poison on November 24. He estimated that Dick had been earning £4,000 a year, servicing bitches at a stud fee of several hundred pounds each.

#### Airline fined

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has been fined £20,000 and ordered to pay costs after being convicted of 30 offences in connection with the deaths of nearly 1,300 tropical birds in December last year. The birds were being transported from Tanzania to Miami via SKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPASKAPPA Amesterdam and London.

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# French threaten renewed protests on meat imports

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

ening a new campaign against Britain. More than 300 British cheap meat and livestock imports, which they say are pushing down prices and making many of them bankrupt.

The threat comes as crucial negotiations on liberalising world trade, in which the European Community's reluctance to open up its protected agricultural market has been a stumbling-block, are due to Brussels. The French are primarily concerned about aimed at British imports. Britimports of cattle and beef ish farmers should be showing from eastern Europe, but Brit-solidarity with us because we ish exports to France might are taking a stand against the aiso be affected.

attacks on livestock consignments, including a dozen A group of 50 British farm-

FRENCH farmers are threat- loads of live sheep from ers, with 20,000 from western sheep were poisoned and burnt alive in two incidents. French farming organisa-

tions said yesterday that they planned to carry out controls - in the past a cuphemism for stopping trucks - at all border points and selected meat processing plants and wholesale centres from Monday. Thierry Rapin of the Nat-

ional Federation of Farming Unions said: "This is not dumping of cheap meat from During the summer, French eastern Europe, which is farmers made more than 20 depressing the whole EC

#### Irish farmers may be prosecuted over drug

could be prosecuted for feed- farmers after urine tests on ing their cattle a drug to their cattle had disclosed promote growth. The drug, traces of the drug. Tests on 20 clenbuterol, belongs to a group to 30 other suspect farms had called beta-agonists and has a legitimate use under veterinary prescription (Michael Hornsby writes). Used illegally in large doses, it increases the amount of lean meat on an animal and can add up to £100 to the value of a carcass. There has been concern for some time about a black market in clenbuterol on

The agriculture department yesterday that legal action earlier this year.

AT LEAST eight Irish farmers might be taken against three

proved negative.
"We do not think we have a serious problem, but we are Dairy farmers in that region anxious to ensure that the meat being sent to our British consumers is absolutely safe," a spokesman said. Britain is by far the biggest single mar-ket for Irish beef, taking 84,000 tonnes a year.

A recent report in The Lancer blamed clembuterol for the poisoning of 135 people in in the Irish republic said Spain who ate cow's liver

Europe and others from Japan and the United States, will hold a protest in Brussels on Monday against proposals to cut farming subsidies as part of a package of measures to

Farmers from the 12 EC member states and 11 other countries plan to demonstrate outside the exhibition centre in Brussels where trade and agriculture ministers from 107 countries will be meeting to try to conclude the Uruguay round of the General Agree ment on Tariffs and Trade.

The Community has of-fered an overall cut of 30 per cent in farm subsidies between 1986 and 1996, but the United States and the Cairns group of 14 food-exporting countries are pressing for a 75 per cent cut in internal subsidies and border protection and a 90 per cent reduction in export

Renewed disruption of meat imports by the French could complicate the already difficult negotiations and undermine EC solidarity. French farmers have been

complaining for months about cheap beef flooding in from what was East Germany. have had to cut the size of milk production quotas to which they are now subject as citizens of a united Germany.

The French Beef Federation estimates that beef prices are between 15 and 30 per cent below what they were a year ago, mainly due to cheap imports. They say farmers are being forced take action.

and that became the



Chat show: Tommy, an Australian sulphur-crested cockatoo having a quiet word with Jackie Goulder, his owner, at the cage and aviary birds show at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham yesterday. A talking hird contest was won by Harry, an Amazon parrot, owned by Janet Mallinder of Barusley, South Yorkshire

#### Women are complacent about Aids, survey says

SOCIAL SERVICES

WOMEN are alarmingly complacent about the risks of being infected with the Aids virus, according to a survey

faster among women and children than other groups, the Gallup poll showed that women were more reluctant than men to adopt safer sex

Speaking at the launch of National Aids Trust, Profes-sor Michael Adler said that a woman in a regular relationship with an infected man had a one-in-four chance of becoming infected. A man in a regular relationship with an infected woman had only a

one in ten chance. More than half the women

in nine young women.

Caroline Guinness, of the Positively Women counselling organisation for HIV-infected women, said that last year the organisation saw one or two HIV-positive women a week, most infected after injecting drugs. By January the number had increased to five or six, at least 85 per cent of whom were

Beacons themselves," Mr or nature of defence in:
Satarday Review, pages 4-5 Livsey said yesterday. "I contions on ministry land."

CORRESPONDENT

published yesterday.

In spite of official warnings that Aids is now spreading

questioned were "not very worried" or "not at all worried" that they or someone they knew would contract Aids. Although young women were more concerned about the risks than older women, they did not seem to be changing their sexual practices as fast as men. More than one in five men aged 16 to 24 said they had changed their behaviour, compared with only one

infected heterosexually.

By JILL SHERMAN

They can throw up a range

Nottinghamshire carried out 6.1 breath tests per officer which far exceeded similar forces where the figure ranged from 1 to 1.2 per officer.

prevention programmes

#### Police forces to face national efficiency test

Is the annual £4.5 billion cost of policing England and Wales money well spent? Stewart Tendler reports on Whitehall's search for a formula to assess police needs and demands

PROVINCIAL police forces in England and Wales last year deployed 52,600 uniformed officers. They dedicated 1,900 officers to community relations projects and fielded 14,600 operational detectives. More than 7,600 officers kept traffic flowing. Overall there were two operational officers for every 1,000 of

Is that too much or too little? Were the officers property deployed? Why did City of London officers earn the highest average wage in the country at £17,319 while their Thames Valley colleagues were at the bottom with £13,943? Should chief constable A have extra men? Should chief constable B get none? How do you tell if the police are worth an annual £4.5 billion?

the population.

In the cost-conscious 1990s, Whitehall, police headquarters and town halls are inching towards answers to at least some of the key questions. Next week the Audit Commission, in its latest critique of police eff-iciency, publishes a call for better measures of

efficiency.
Whitehall is trying to answer two basic questions. The first is whether a force is efficient and effective. The computerised statistical base developed since 1985 by the inspectors of constabulary and known as the matrix of police indicators. The 42 forces are divided into "families" made up of forces that have similarities such as force size and the area type.

The aim is to allow comparison in ten main areas of activity, updated annually or quarterly, which are set against the national average picture.
The matrix includes the

statistics of the force, its deployment, crime detection, complaints against officers, community rela-tions work, drugs traffic and public order preparedness. Each force must answer 400

of fresh questions. In 1988

figures show that the force had the second highest num-ber of positive tests. Was the campaign intended to catch drinkers or stop them? Two years ago Bedfordshire had almost twice as many crimes per 1,000 hectacres as six other forces round the country. Was it because crime

were failing or was the county's population expanding compared with Gwent and Cumbria?

The six inspectors covering the country have access to the matrix which is seen as a powerful diagnostic tool. One Whitehall official said: "When you go with this and plonk it on a desk people really sit up and produce answers." A Home Office report last year said the matrix did not give "a single golden answer" in comparing police performance but it began to unravel the complex web of a force's activities".

Those activities hinge on precious manpower and form the core of Whitehall's second question. How many officers does a force need? Police establishments have pecome an acrimonious issue as chief constables battle for a slice of what they see as a small cake baked each year by the Home Office to a

stingy Treasury recipe. Two years ago Whitehall officials devised a national formula against which claims can be tested. The formula balances the police establishment against the size of the rural and urban population it covers, reported crime, road traffic accidents, special man-power demands and deprivation factors embracing the number of single-parent families, overcrowding and

unemployment. On average, population factors account for 54 per cent of manpower, deprivation takes in 31 per cent, reported crime 11 per cent and traffic accidents amount to about 3 per cent of staff. Figures circulated to chief constables last month as they considered their bids for next year showed some surprises. The forces which are considered 5 per cent below strength based on the formula are not the great urban forces. Bedfordshire has the greatest need followed by Northampton-shire, Hampshire, Norfolk and Thames Valley. Forces considered to be 5 per cent or more above their needs are led by Cumbria, Merseyside, Surrey and Avon and

Home Office and Treasury research last year disclosed different forces collected different informastandardised. The report on the matrix noted: "Until the resource consumption of different police activities can be identified fairly satisfactorily any assess-ment of efficiency is inevitably incomplete." Next year experiments will begin in trying to gather wider information.

#### **Brecon Beacons mast** plan provokes outcry

PROTESTERS in Wales are sider that totally unacceptappalled by plans to build four able." Mynydd Eppynt was radio masts on the edge of the taken over by the defence Brecon Beacons National ministry in 1940 and has been Park (Robin Young writes).

Richard Livsey, the Liberal since. The planned radio inDemocrat MP for Brecon and stallation is intended to main-Radnor, said that the Royal tain communication with Navy planned to raise four 1,500ft masts on Mynydd Eppynt at the western end of the Sennybridge military had plenty of sites of its own when western the state of the state of

would be as high as the Brecon practice to discuss the purpose

training range.

"The masts, set on a hillside at a height of some 800ft, at a height of some 800ft, and a height or nature of defence installa-

#### Lawyers court danger to help raise money for the homeless

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

LAWYERS in England and Cardiff, said: "About 50 of us Fleet Street", and Nabarro Wales will be casting aside will be sleeping out in the Nathanson will be singing from sleeping out rough to cycling a tandem for more than 100 miles to raise £1 million for the homeless. It of Cardiff. I work for people who are homeless, or being ordinator, said: "We have evicted or harassed, so the million for the homeless. It of Cardiff. I work for people who are homeless, or being ordinator, said: "We have been pleasantly surprised at the way many firms have got will begin with a group of lawyers abseiting down the will make a parachute jump, a whale of a time façade of the Law Society and the Law Society at The climax of Lane, central London.

At least 100 firms are Justice Taylor, one of the competing against the Bar in a weekend adventure challenge country's most senior judges, has already played his part by giving a piano recital last night in a concert organised by Newcastle Law Society and

match of paint ball. In London, Linklaters and and group initiative tasks".

Paines are hosting a range of evening and a sponsored swim. D.J. Freeman will hold Neil Confrey, of Loosemores, sure hunt via various pubs in legal profes

their dignity tomorrow for a shopping centre in the middle carols at Victoria Station.

One barristers' clerk in a stuck in and those who are Birmingham set of chambers doing fund raising are having

The climax of the LawAid headquarters in Chancery Redditch, Hereford and Wor- 90 week, which was set up by cester, is sponsoring a tandem Lindsay Greig, editor of The bicycle ride from its offices to Lawyer magazine, with supinvolved as well as barristers' Chancery Lane. The Barport from the Law Society and chambers and clerks. Lord risters' Clerks' Association is the Bar, will be a two-day "a blend of physical, mental

Teams from across the legal events including a blues band fraternity, including the country's largest law firm, Clifford Many firms are holding a sponsored blues session, "sleep outs" in association with the national "sleep out" run around Lincoln's lun organised by the National Fields at lunchtime, Manches LawAid 90 is the first initia-Chance, a team from Norwich Campaign for the Homeless. and Co are organising a "trea- tive of its kind involving the



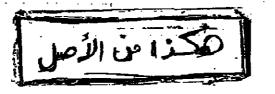
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Falling demand: snow covers Zermatt, but Swiss slopes will have fewer British skiers

# Verger jailed for stealing £47,000 in collections

A CATHEDRAL verger who stole more than £47,000 from church funds to pay for a life He kept a hoard of £11,450 in of luxury was yesterday jailed for two-and-a-half years. Clive Lloyd, aged 44, head verger of Exeter cathedral,

took a total of £47,868 from public donations and service collection boxes, Exeter crown magistrate for two years up to his arrest, paid for a £3,267 cruise on the QE2 and put down a £9,000 deposit for another voyage, bought cars, a timeshare apartment and stereo equipment from the

#### Millfield head expels three pupils

Three senior boys at Millfield School, Somerset, one of the country's most expensive independent schools, have been expelled for running an illegal fagging" system, using junior pupils to run errands and threatening to hit them or levy fines if they refused.

Three other boys in the £11,000 a year co-educational school have been suspended by Christopher Martin, the former head of Bristol cathedral school, who took charge of Millfield in September.

#### Baby charge

Robert Rouse, aged 21, and Lyndsay Jane Morris, aged 18, of Thornton Heath, south London, accused of murdering their daughter aged six weeks, were remanded in custody until December 7 by Croydon magistrates.

#### Petrol increase

Petrol at BP garages will rise by 2.3p a gallon from Monday. Four-star petrol will cost an average 203.7p a gallon (44.8p a litre) and standard unleaded 195p a gallon (42.9p a litre).

Axe rapist jailed Alan Davies, aged 41, from Merseyside, was jailed for 14 years by Dorchester crown court for kidnapping and raping a woman after threatening her with an axe.

#### Runner tribute

granite memorial to Eric Liddell, the Olympic running champion and missionary immortalised in the film Chariots of Fire, was unveiled at Edinburgh university, where he was a student in the 1920s.

#### Case adjourned

Charges against Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, alleging failure to keep proper records, were adjourned until next Friday by Sheffield

bert, for the prosecution, said. the cathedral safe. Lloyd, who lived rent-free in cathedral accommodation, admitted eight offences of theft between 1983 and August 1990. Mr Justice McCullough told

him he had committed "a court was told. Lloyd, also a grave breach of trust" and ordered him to pay £3,200 compensation. "The amount and the uses to which you put the money takes one's breath away. I have never seen anything like this before." The judge said Lloyd was in a position in which his honesty was "taken for granted by the

> Lloyd was appointed in 1980 and was in charge of the security of cathedral money.
> Mr Gilbert said it was "impossible to say" precisely how much Lloyd had stolen because he was unable to put a figure on what he had taken before 1987.

Lloyd was in charge of emptying and counting money from donation boxes and collections during services and banking it at a National Westminster branch in Cathedral Close.

He took notes from donation boxes and cash ready for banking and replaced them

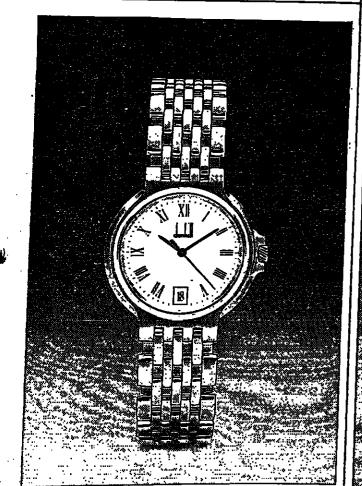


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with coins from current dona tions. He also stole coins from the boxes and changed them into £50 notes at the bank, Mr Gilbert said. He said a bank clerk recalled that since April this year Lloyd was changi coins into notes at the rate of up to £600 a week. He was arrested in August after police followed him to the bank and saw him change £300 of coins into £50 notes.

goods worth £28,600 recovered from Lloyd, who told police part of the reason

David Steele, for the d ence, said Lloyd started taking small amounts of money but the theft snowballed. He was a hoarder who took money for no need. Mr Steele said Lloyd had "wrecked his life" and had gone a fair way to wrecking his wife's life too. They had both lost their cathedral jobs and home.



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# School trip ruling prompts slump in skiing bookings

WITH snow lying several feet deep at many of Europe's most popular resorts, hoteliers and ski organisers throughout the Alps are predicting their best winter

for many years.
Their optimism is not. however, shared by British tour operators, who forecast a drop of 40 per cent in Britons heading for the pistes in January, with a 25 per cent reduction over the whole

The main reason for the collapse of what had been regarded as potentially the biggest growth area in British travel is the dramatic fall in

the number of school parties. When the education department bowed to pressure from local authorities last year and reformed the financial arrangements for schools organising term-time trips, it did not foresee the consequences. Trips were cancelled as headteachers tried to find a way round the rules. Fewer than 100,000 pupils are now expected to go on ski trips this season, compared with 250,000 last

For Quest Travel, which dominates the school holiday market, the drop has been disastrous. Terry Williamson, director of Quest,

Harvey Elliott reports that fewer Britons will be taking to the piste this year, in spite

of promising snow

falls in the Alps said: "Because this winter's trips were organised in November last year, only eight months after the regulations were introduced, most schools did not understand

what they could do. Rather than run the risk of falling foul of the act, they either cancelled them completely or tried to reorganise them outside term time at a time when they were free to make a charge. That, however, is the most expensive time of all because it is the most popular and teachers also objected to having their

own holidays interrupted." As a result, tour operators cut back drastically on holidays. By last September many had cancelled up to 40 per cent of the beds and seats

hey had booked. The shortage of snow in the Alps during the past three seasons, which has been the other main reason for the decline in the number of skiers, looks likely to be

reversed this year.

David Hearns, of the Ski Club of Great Britain, said: "It is fabulous almost everywhere. You need about 20cm of snow on grass slopes and twice that on rocks and in most of the popular resorts these levels have been exceeded already. There are forecasts of further falls.

"If it snows just once more, the entire region should be guaranteed excellent conditions throughout the season." The recent snow falls have made him cautiously optimistic that bookings will start to pick up for March and April.

Mark Wenborn, director of Thomson Holidays, the biggest ski tour operator. said: "I do not think there will be much of an improvement in January."

The new rules have also affected school visits to popular British attractions. Washington Wildlife Trust. Tyne and Wear, said 8,000 fewer children had visited last year; Elsham Hall Country Park, Humberside, reported a 40 per cent drop; and Twycross Zoo, Leicestershire, said 41 per cent fewer pupils visited last year.

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# Read about Bernard Ingham's relationship with Margaret Thatcher in The Sunday Times tomorrow.



Margaret Thatcher's Chief Press Secretary for 11 years, he was called by some "the most powerful man in Britain," and could make or break the reputations of ministers with his off-the-record briefings of journalists. Now you can read exclusive extracts from his unauthorized biography only in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

By Christopher Walker in Dhahran and Andrew McEwen

MOSCOW is to make another me the Iraqi parliament wants attempt to persuade Iraq to to send a delegation to Britain withdraw from Kuwait in the to meet Mr Major and discuss hope that the UN Security Council resolution authorising the use of force will have had a sobering effect on

During a dinner with the four permanent members of the security council, Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet for-eign minister, is understood to a final round of intensive from Kuwait. diplomacy. America and Brit-ain will wish Moscow well and ain will wish Moscow well and by the Saudi press agency will be making their own denied Libyan government approaches to Baghdad, but claims that King Fahd of the prospects are not good.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday sought to prepare the public for war. "I think we all have enough imagination ... to realise that war is not easy, that suffering and destruction goes with it," he said in an interview with BBC Radio 4's Today programme. "But we also realise that, if we want a world which is reasonably safe for ourselves, for those who come after us, it has to be a world in which one nation state cannot simply stamp out another nation in the course of a day and keep the fruits of its

aggression."
Mr Hurd still hopes that
Thursday's UN resolution will not prove the starting signal for a war to begin after January 15. He described it as "the strongest step yet for a peaceful solution", but also emphasised that the military option was "not a bluff".

Abdul Razzak al-Hashemi, the Iraqi ambassador in Paris, however, dismissed the resolution as "not acceptable". "All they are doing is giving Iraq two choices, either to surrender unconditionally or go to war, that is the meaning

of this resolution," he said on Channel 4 television. Ron Brown, Labour MP for Edinburgh Leith, said last night that senior figures in the Iraqi government had asked for a meeting with John Major, the prime minister. Mr difference. Brown, who returned from a visit to Bashdad on Monday, said he spoke on the telephone last night to Dr Mohammed al-Adhami, an adviser to President Saddam. "He told

some sort of peace formula,

Arab states, both those supporting Iraq and those against it, are expected to be at the centre of diplomatic activforeign ministers of the other ity over the next six weeks. But Saudi Arabia again made clear yesterday that it will not take part in negotiations with Baghdad until there is a have emphasised the need for complete Iraqi withdrawal

> An official statement issued Saudi Arabia had agreed to a Saddam also to be attended by Colonel Muzmmar Gadaffi the Libyan leader.

The denial came after the arrival in Saudi Arabia last Monday of a special Libyan envoy, Ahmad Gaddaf al-Dam, who was carrying a proposal for such a meeting Libya has for some weeks been working behind the scenes to try to achieve an Arab solution to the confrontation in the Gulf.

"The reply of the Saudi monarch was clear and frank: that such a meeting was impossible in view of the kingdom's firm opposition to the Iraqi aggression on the brotherly state of Kuwait," a Saudi spokesman said.

Despite the public rejection of Libya's initiative, efforts by Colonel Gadaffi, King Hassan of Morocco and King Husain of Jordan to find a solution are expected to intensify.

Sir Brian Urquhart, former under-secretary-general at the United Nations, said: "I am sure there will be a great effort to fill this particular period with some fairly dynamic diplomacy. It seems enormously necessary for people who speak with authority and strength to actually speak with Saddam Hussein. I hope that will be done, perhaps by the United States which, it seems to me, will make a great

Sir Brian said he thought it was a mistake to call the latest UN resolution a war resolution since its idea was to provide the opportunity for a

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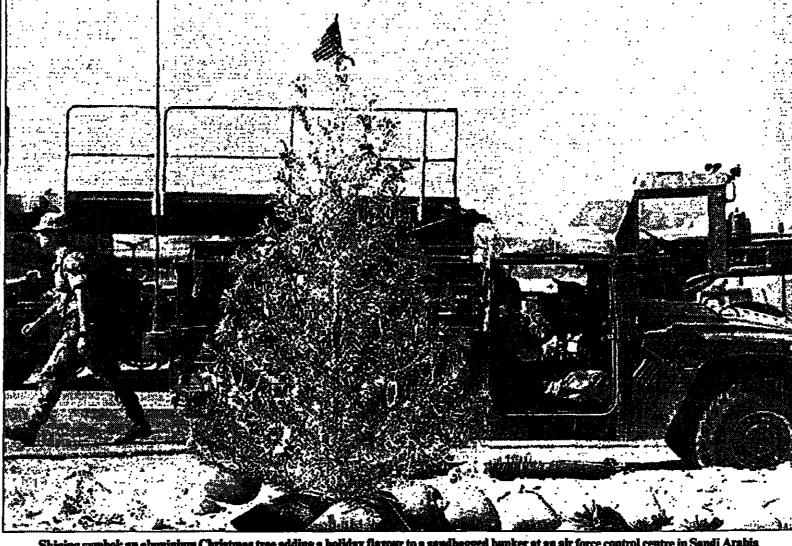
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# Tank patrol takes a smooth night ride

ner's seat of Challenger Two Zero as the 60-ton tank sped across the soft sand in the darkness at about 30 mph, it was not difficult to understand why the men of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards are

Kuwaiti border. To the gunner's right is a small television screen which displays in detail other Challengers hundreds of yards away. Togs, or thermal

mour-plated hide.

ing through drifts. The most comforting Iraqis will put up their hands thought for the Challenger

over by March before the onset of Ramadan, the Mus-lim fasting month. They say that if we do anything it will be extremely quick," the young licutenant said. "I think the once it starts. I hope so."

Once it starts - these three words, echoed by so many among the "Desert Rats" stretched out across the desert in temporary positions as the politicians decide when to order them forward, epito-mised the state of mind of the

go to war, diplomacy has delayed "H hour" but not for much longer.

However, another night has come. Corporal Rab Fairbairn from Peebles stands erect by the sandbagged guard post and plays Blue Bonnets o'er the Border on his bagpipes as the last splashes of sunset merge into darkness. Two US marine Harrier AV8Bs shoot across the sky at high altitude.

not by the piper as promised. He was having a lie-in like the

armoured infantry units of the Staffordshire regiment are revving up their Warriors, which they like to refer to as

The role of infantry has not

A tank can't sit there, becomes too vulnerable."

The Staffordshire regiment has been practising fast adiately in the right direction. Colonel Rogers is convinced the Iraqis will use chemical

**6** We'd run out of gun barrels before running out of ammunition

weapons, so his men will have to advance to the front in full NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) kit, as well as the new body armour which has recently arrived from Britain. "We've never had chemicals chucked at us before," he said. "It would be nice if we had some to chuck back but

we don't have any. I don't

know about the Americans." The Desert Rats, or 7th Armoured Brigade, have made full use of the terrain to hide their troops and armour. Every quarry in their designated patch of the desert has

The 24M 109 artillery pieces

camouflage netting in one of man takes and holds ground. the largest quarries. Each day the men practise loading the 100lb, into the breeches. It is an exhausting ritual. When the vances. Crouched in the back war starts, a ten-gun battery oriented. In a war, he needs to burst out of the back of the Warrior and dealer. will be capable of firing 6,000 Warrior and deploy immed- Col Rory Clayton, com-iately in the right direction. mander of 40 Field Regiment, said. "We'd run out of gun barrels before running out of

ammunition." Another large quarry is inhabited by 21 Engineer Regiment Group, equipped with a vast display of bulldozers, bridge-laying vehicles, two DC6 armoured bulldozers for clearing bombs and mines, and a Viper machine that fires 200 metres of explosive hose, clearing a path

through a minefield.

Lt-Col John Moore-Bick, commander of the Royal Engineers regiment, has no doubts that the Iraqi obstacle belt will present a formidable task for his men, in spite of recent remarks from the MoD in London that the "Maginot Line" was not very sophisticated. "Let them come out

here and have a go," he said. Major Mark Auchinleck, second-in-command of the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, been utilised to give nothing is a first cousin "two generaaway to the Iraqis' sideways tions up the ladder" of the "Ank", who was CommanderDoctors' dilemma over call for duty

By DAVID YOUNG

DOCTORS in the Territorial Army Volunteer Reserve have . been asked to volunteer for duty in the Gulf, but have no guarantee they will be able to return to their old jobs.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that some doctors and other specialists of the reserve force have been asked to report for duty by December 14 to take up volunteerposts for up to a year.

However, doctors working for local health authorities have found that their contracts mean that, if they volunteer, they forfeit the right to have their jobs kept open. Only if they were called up as part of a mobilisation authorised by the government and approved by the Queen would they have the automatic right to return to their previous posts.

An MoD spokesman said: A number of specialist staff have been invited to join the British forces in the Gulf. They have not been called up. but been asked if they will serve in their specialist roles." A letter sent to members of

the reserve with medical qualifications makes its clearthat "the protection of civil interest clauses" of their membership will not apply. Members of the reserve have also been reminded of their obligations under the Officials Secrets Act that they may not discuss the matter.

Many of the letters have : gone to the 300 members of the 257 General Hospital Unit. of the reserve based at the Duke of York's barracks in Chelsea, London. Several are doctors in London teaching hospitals, but the majority are nurses and paramedic staff. Several of the nurses are highly skilled theatre nurses. whose transfer to military hospitals would place NHS operations at some London hospitals under severe strain.

The letter says that services of trained staff would be required until after the end of hostilities and adds that those who accept the invitation to volunteer could be required to work in "any theatre of war".

Senior members of reserve units involved have also, it is understood, been told that the matter is likely to be discussed at next week's cabinet meeting and that invitations to volunteers could be converted to more specific orders.

One of the doctors involved said: "Many of us would be we are also aware that NHS. cuts in some areas mean that we could come back to find ourselves out of work. Our contracts make it clear that if . we volunteer we have no job protection and, in fairness, the letters we have received from the MoD make it clear that the army is aware of this."

The City and Hackney Health Authority, which covers the large London hospitals, such as St Bartholomew's and Hackney Hospital, said that the authority was aware of the problem and would be meeting to find if it could reach a

Meanwhile, ambulance crews in Hampshire have been put on alert to deal with dead and wounded soldiers from the Gulf. They have been told to prepare themselves to work 14-hour shifts if war breaks out in the Middle East.

#### From Michael Evans, defence correspondent, with the 7th armoured brigade in saudi arabia Guards allows a visitor a British troops. They expect to their two feet. The infantry-

SITTING in the cramped gunconfident they can outclass the Iraqi T72s across the

observation gunnery sights, turn night into day.

"It will be pretty bumpy," the driver shouted as he settled into his igloo at the front of the tank. But, unlike the Soviet-built Iraqi tanks' hard suspension, Two Zero's hydraulics provided a relatively smooth ride, its tracks swallowing the dunes and bumps like snowploughs carv-

Carlo, Malaga and Lisbon.

He comes from Taunton in Somerset. The men under his command have broad Scottish accents and come from Glasgow, Dumfries and Findochty. All believe the fighting will be

• They say if we do

anything it will

glimpse into its regimental

traditions and a premonition

The young officers often have double-barrelled names,

like 2nd Lt Rupert Alers-

Hankey, aged 24, a troop

commander from A squadron.

of what is to come.

be extremely quick. I hope so 9

crews is that the Iraqis do not have in their inventory one single shell that can pierce the tank's tough Chobbam ar-

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rest of A squadron, currently enjoying a brief, restful period at "St Andrew's camp". A short helicopter ride away, the

the sports cars of the Desert Rats. The Staffordshires, like many regiments here, have been boosted by companies from other regiments to reach war establishment". There are men from the Grenadier Guards, the Royal Green Jackets, and the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of

changed. Lt-Coi Charles Rog-ers, commander of the Stafdshire regiment, explained: To breach the Iragi defences, first there will be a recce, then by infantry. We'll use Warriors to get us there fast, but in of 40 Field Regiment Royal in-Chief Middle East from the end the infantry will use Artillery are concealed under 1941 to 1942.

# Robbie the robot is ready to wage war for America

future war. Already some of the latest recruits to army and marine training bases include a mechanical member by the name of Robo-spy, who is more resilient than many of his human colleagues. Robbie, as he (or she) is

known among the troops, is a stocky, all-terrain vehicle equipped with a video camera for eyes and ears and an opticfibre cable. An extendable neck enables him to peer into

pert who runs a Marylandbased firm that produces the robots, says Robbie's greatest strength is "soldier survivability". If the enemy blows Robbie up, his operator concealed several miles away with a remote-control box the size of a small suitcase escapes unscathed. Robospies are also cheaper, easier to handle and often more reliable than their emotional colleagues. They cannot complain about reconstituted chicken à la king or lose morale if they receive no mail.

"You can drop them off the back of a truck and they'll roll over, get back up and get down to work," says Mr Myers, noting that one robot even survived a day of rougher than usual handling by a marine in Camp Pendleton, California, who hoped to get the day off if his robot expired. They also have a 10-year

lifespan and little maintenance cost, compared with the estimated cost of several million dollars for training and employing a career soldier. The first robot costs around \$350,000 (£175,000), falling to \$125,000 by the dozen and \$50,000-\$75,000 in bulk. The United States army and ma-

ROBOTS could be fighting for rines own four such robots the United States army in a and have ordered 14 of Besides, efforts by the Penta-Robbie's offspring, updated gon to develop computerised models of the original proto-type, officially called Surrogate Tele-operated Vehicles (STVs), at a cost of \$5 million.

> At present the United States army has no robots in the Gulf and their maker, Robotic Systems Technology Inc, says production in sufficient numbers for deployment in Kuwait

would take several months. soldiers has been foiled by a congressional ban on robots carrying weapons on the battlefield.

The Robo-spies are best suited to the kind of door-todoor scouting missions that could take place if American soldiers are sent into Kuwait City to flush out Iraqi troops.

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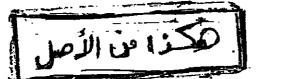
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# Time for Saddam's friends to give him honest advice

SECURITY Council Resolution No 678 solves a very difficult problem both of principle and practice.

Britain and America have believed from the outset that, in terms of international law, no further security council authority has been necessary to legitimise the liberation of Kuwait by force: the right of individual and collective self-defence enshrined in Article 51 of the UN Charter was enough. But the security council is a political, not a judicial, body and the majority, including the Soviet Union, China and France, have taken a different view.

This has meant that, if the Americanled forces in Saudi Arabia had attacked the Iraqis without further recourse to the council, there would have been immediate and clamorous demands for a ceasefire. This could have meant American and British vetoes.

If fighting starts, the regional members of the anti-Saddam coalition are

bound to be uproar in many parts of the Arab world, demonstrations, anti-foreign riots, probably acts of terrorism.
Governments are going to find this kind of pressure hard enough to withstand without the additional burden of being associated with Western powers using vetoes to defy international demands to end the fighting.

However, the alternative preferred by many council members, namely putting military action under command of the security council by invoking the "military articles" of the charter was a clear non-starter. It is, for example, ludicrous to imagine that "plans for the application of armed force shall be made by the security council ..." What? All 15 of them, including Yemen and Cuba? What about military security? Would they all solemnly swear not to leak to the press or to President Saddam Hussein? Would there be a ghost of a chance of general agreement? Would

By persuading the UN Security Council to authorise the use of force in the Gulf, the US has evaded a quagmire and brought off a diplomatic coup, argues Anthony Parsons

there not be several referees and touch the American-led coalition) to take flags simultaneously?

Similarly, I cannot see the fivemember military staff committee (including China) making much of a fist of "the strategic direction of any armed forces placed at the disposal of the security conneil". In a nutshell, successful wars cannot be fought by compromise resolutions.

I was pessimistic about the Americans finding support for a sensible third way. But they have: the council, going beyond Article 51 but avoiding the quagmire of the military articles, has authorised member states (in practice,

judges blowing whistles and waving action. This means that, if Iraq has to be ejected from Kuwait by force, the governments concerned will not be bedevilled by shours of off-side and the blowing of whistles in New York.

This is a triumph for American diplomacy and it is to be hoped that James Baker, the Secretary of State, has not offered up too many hostages to fortune to secure the necessary support: it cannot have been easy. The resolution may also have established a precedent for future crises.

The second significance is, of course, the message it sends to President Saddam. In spite of his defiant rhetoric, I have never believed that he is Samson in the temple, ready to self-destruct rather than retreat. When his blitzkrieg against Iran failed, he openly sued for peace for seven years on any terms

except the delivery of his own head. In August 1990, after invading Kuwait, he gave the Iranians all their war aims, including the 1975 Agreement, which he had publicly torn up. He is an absolute tyrant and his people bear only what he wants them to hear. He can present any defeat as victory.

So far the problem has been that he is not convinced that the nations arrayed against him will have the political and military nerve to start a war. His hope is that, if he goes on playing for time, the international coalition and the sanctions cordon will crumble before sanctions bite deep, as they will in about a year's time.

I am certain that he is wrong and that he will not be allowed to keep Kuwait. The question is not whether he will have to disgorge but how and when. Moreover, the whole world has united in opposition to his annexation of Kuwait, more so than to the invasion: no member state of the UN has hitherto forcibly annexed another member state. It is a precedent not to be set.

President Saddam's own advisers, if they value their lives, are not going to tell him the truth. But his Arab and Russian friends should now tell him that he should not be lulled into a false sense of security by the voices being raised against the military option in the United States.

Either he withdraws peacefully, or he subjects his people to another bloody war which Iraq can only lose, or he allows his country to be ruined by sanctions. To a genuine patriot, as he claims to be, the choice should be easy. He had better make it soon.

Sir Anthony Parsons is a former ambassador to Iran and Permanent

# Bush hopes Baker's Iraq mission will silence the doubters

From Peter Stothard, useditor, in washington

PRESIDENT Bush strove to UN vote in favour of the use the mothers and wives who reassert his dominance yesterday over an increasingly doom-laden domestic debate bout peace or war in the Gulf. It was a shock announcement that he would send James perceived need for a dramatic Baker, his Secretary of State, move from the president, who to Baghdad to "look Saddam used the opportunity of announcing the Baker mission directly US determination to to make his most impassioned force Iraq from Kuwait.

Just as the president appeared to be losing ground to come, it would come because congressional critics of his it was in the clear US interest. policy, he revived memories of his successful tactics of losing this argument in recent surprise offers during the days while the Senate armed break-up of communist-controlled Europe. "He has pulled critical evidence about the another rabbit out of his hat," confusion of US objectives. one White House aide said. "And he is back on the road to winning the argument."

For the past few days administration officials have Gulf might be justified but emphasised that the US already had active diplomatic links with Iraq and that no special emissary was necessary. The president said that he had changed his mind

bribing some security council

In its first official reaction

members to win their votes.

tool of American begemony"

council by the supporters of

Baghdad repeated its policy

that a solution to the present

conflict was possible only if all attack.

of force and because he had had written to him that their been told that President men would not be sent to Saddam Hussein was isolated from bad news by his advisers.

But there was also a deeply appeal yet to the American

The White House has been services committee has heard Mr Bush has been particularly stung by the repeated criticism of Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia that his actions in the were not wise.

Facing a challenge to his judgement and leadership, Mr Bush emphasised that it was the responsibility of the president when American lives had because of the strength of the to be put at risk. He promised

Iraqis say bribes

won resolution

battle without maximum support and the greatest possible chance of returning alive.

He challenged the Democrat-controlled Congress to convene and endorse the UN vote. Voicing the private re-marks of aides who said that Congress should "put up or shut up", the president told his critics: "Come on, we're ready." The White House hopes that representatives will not want to risk the accusation that they have weakened the hand of the president while American forces are at risk.

He began his hour-long press conference in his usual quiet manner, saying that President Saddam must "leave Kuwait immediately" with a loud sigh and a sideways movement of his head, as though scoking a child. By the time he finished, he was clenching both fists in front of his face and assuring his listeners that there would be no new Vietnam - that if President Saddam did not hear Mr Baker's message, he would feel the unfettered force

of US military power. The president has come under increasing criticism for the diplomatic price he has vaid for the passage of the UN resolution. There was an

veto in the security council. Other gifts from Washington are expected soon to be on their way round the world after a week in which America has cuddled up to the Cubans, sweettalked the Malaysians, shown understanding for Ethiopia's marxist militants, and flashed fat chequebooks

In his speech yesterday, Mr Bush was determined to show his critics the diplomatic gains. In inviting the Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to Washington to meet him in the company of other allied representatives, he was flaunthis confidence that solidarity could be maintained. Diplomats pointed out that the possible dates for the meeting included the time when the Soviet foreign minister, Eduard Shevardnadze would be in the United States to prepare for the US-Soviet summit in January.

A joint US-Soviet-British-Saudi dressing-down for Iraq in Washington would be a dramatic forerunner of the talks between Mr Baker and President Saddam.

The White House is aware that the task of showing that war is a wise and worthwhile course did not end yesterday. The president told his troops at Thanksgiving that force might have to be used quickly to prevent President Saddam producing a nuclear bomb.



Isidoro Mahmierca, the Cuban foreign minister, at the United Nations, where he is supporting a resolution for a peaceful solution in the Gulf

#### Yemen leads face-saving move on Gulf

From James Bone in New York

AFTER voting solidly to seeks to renew the demand for wield a big stick against Iraq to an unconditional withdrawal, force it out of Kuwait, the United Nations Security Council may now offer President Saddam Hussein a carrot.

Yemen, one of only two nations to oppose the use of force resolution, assumes the council presidency today for the month of December and, with its allies, is planning to seek adoption of what it calls the "peace resolution". The draft, also backed by Colombia, Cuba and Malaysia sets out a framework for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait, offering President Saddam a face-saving formula.

The move is partly in response to the Negotiations sity, which drafted an earlier tween Iraq and Kuwait. version of the resolution. "At assistant director.

the legitimate claims he has on Court of Justice. the oil, he gives up on getting a port that he needs, and there is port that he needs, and there is would express "its determ-no guarantee that sanctions ination in contribution to the will stop," he said. "He can stability in the region through reasonably expect the United States and Saudi Arabia to try

drawal," he added. "We have made very clear what the choices are if there is no withdrawal." A working paper

release of hostages and restoration of the legitimate Kuwaiti government.

The first stage would be to dispatch UN peacekeeping forces to maintain law and order in Kuwait as Iraqi forces withdraw. The second stage would be implemented after the restoration of the status quo in Kuwait before the invasion on August 2. At that point, the draft promises that UN sanctions against Iraq will be lifted, foreign forces would be withdrawn from the region and the United Nations secretary general, with the assistance of the Arab League, would begin mediation aimed Project at Harvard Univer- at solving the differences be-

The UN secretary-general the moment, under current would also open consultations security council resolutions, if on new regional security Saddam Hussein withdraws arrangements. All financial he looks like a loser," said claims not settled by negotia-Wayne Davis, the project's tion would be referred to a special tribunal to be estab-"He loses Kuwait, he loses lished by the International

Finally, the security council appropriate efforts to address "You need to clarify what peaceful solution of other problems in the r compliance with outstanding resolutions".

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#### embarrassing argument yes-From Nicholas Beeston in Baghdad terday about whther he would meet the Chinese foreign min-IRAQ yesterday declared the the outstanding problems of ister for the first time since the latest United Nations resolu- the Middle East were tackled killings of Tiananmen Square tion against its occupation of together. The restatement of - a reward, as many saw it, for Iraq's unyielding policy had Kuwait to be "unjust, illegal Peking's withholding of its and aggressive" and accused been widely predicted by Washington and its allies of

to Resolution 678, calling on Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait The Iraqi leadership went to great lengths to emphasise the West's "duplicity" in concenby January 15 or face military action. President Saddam trating its efforts on the Gulf Hussein, the Revolutionary Command Council and the while neglecting the decadesruling Baath Party gave a warning that the allied forces old problem of Palestine and Israel. The emphasis on linkage with the Palestinian quesin the Gulf faced a "telling tion was a clear indication that lesson unprecedented in history" if they challenged Iraq on the battlefield. leag plans to stir up resistance to the use of force against it by attempting to divert attention In a televised announceto Israel. Observers believed it ment, iraq claimed that Amercould achieve some success in ica had succeeded in turning this approach because Yemen, the security council into "a its close Arab ally, which voted against the resolution. and a "theatre for dirty deals". becomes president of the sec-Sums were paid to some urity council today and is governments in the security

America, and huge pressures occupied territories. were employed on them directly by the president of the US and his secretary of state," a statement declared, referring to Iraqi claims that Saudi Arabia paid the Soviet Union millions of dollars to secure Moscow's vote. The Iraqi reaction made no mention of the two most pressing questions in the Gulf deadlock, the continued occupation of Kuwait and the detention of thousands of foreigners in Iraq. Instead,

observers, who said Baghdad would probably wait until the very last moment before possibly revealing a more flexible

across Africa. likely to press for action against Israeli policies in the

■ LONDON: Iraq continued yesterday to move more British hostages to strategic sites, replacing others who had been released after visits by Tony Benn, a Labour politician, and others (Andrew McEwen writes). About 60 Britons who were rounded up in Kuwait and transferred this week to the Mansour Melia Hotel in Baghdad have been sent on to defence installations or factories to become part of President Saddam's "human shield" against an allied

#### Japanese endorse use of force

From JOE JOSEPH

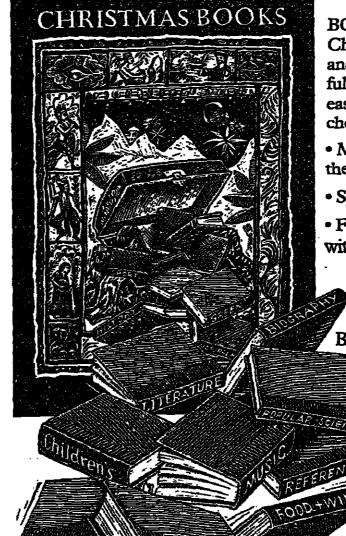
JAPAN yesterday joined its allies in backing the United Nations Security Council's resolution authorising the use of force against Baghdad if it fails to withdraw from Kuwait by mid-January.

The Japanese government embarrassed by its recent failure to persuade parliament to send a contingent of noncombat troops to the Gulf, was keen to reaffirm its support for the anti-Iraq alliance. It has also been under pressure from Michael Armacost, America's ambassador to Tokyo, to give its blessing to the

Toshiki Kaifu, the Japanese prime minister, said: "It is a very significant resolution and I support it, but the Japanese stance on seeking a peaceful solution has not changed."

Worried lest the government's support for the UN resolution might provoke the sort of domestic anger that sank its troops bill, a Japanese foreign ministry official said that supporting the use of force against Iraq did not violate Japan's war-renouncing constitution, since Iraq

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# French opinion cools on troop use

A NEW opinion poll has Iraq. A majority of the French United States in the Gulf indicated growing opposition who support the Socialists continued to ebb, down to the involvement of French troops in any military conflict. With President Mitterrand's strategy during the Gulf confrontation also losing ground significantly among the public, the minority Socialist government could be in for an awkward time while the days tick away to the

January 15 deadline. The most damaging finding of the latest Le Figuro poll on the Gulf is that while there has been a substantial increase among those who now fear war is inevitable - up from 41 to 59 per cent in the past three weeks - just 36 per cent of the anestioned were in

now oppose any such involvement. At the same time, public backing for full solidarity with Britain and the

cent (though approval of President Bush's conduct during the confrontation has increased a little). In the terse judgement of

the staunchly conservative Le Figure, after several months of waiting and watching the French are "less and less willing to die for Kuwait". If the apparent failure of United Nations sanctions to change President Saddam's mind has convinced them that force is now the only alternative, "our compatriots ... prefer to leave it to our allies".

another seven points to 40 per

The findings of the poll, ity of the French prime minwas taken after the

unusually beliigerent speech by the French foreign minister, Roland Dumas in the National Assembly earlier this

According to M Dumas, who yesterday cast France's vote at the United Nations, Iraq now faces a choice between peace or war. Using the word "ultimatum" for the first time, M Dumas appealed to Baghdad to seize this "last chance" of avoiding conflict.

Yet, whatever the polis say, it is hard to conceive that, having voted for the use of force, France could remain on the sidelines if shooting starts. • Poll shock: The popular-

Moscow

admits

omission

on arms

From Brenda Fowler

THE Soviet Union's chief conventional arms negotiator

acknowledged yesterday that

his country may have left out

information on Soviet forces that was to have been pro-

vided under the Conventional

cannot exclude any mistakes."

said Oleg Grinevsky, at a press conference after the first week

of a new round of con-

ventional forces negotiations.

But he said there might also be

omissions or mistakes in the

information provided by

other countries and said the

Soviet Union would move to

update or correct its informa-

Since the signing of the treaty two weeks ago at the

summit in Paris, Western diplomats have expressed

incomplete" information on

tion if necessary

"We are all human and one

Forces in Europe Treaty.

# Europe faces siege from a growing army of refugees

FORTRESS Europe will soon across the Gulf of Finland start to raise the drawbridge. from the Baltic states. army of political and eco-Africa, and faced with the pean Community is considering drastic measures to stem the tidal wave of immigrants that threatens to engulf Western Europe.

Earlier this week the Soviet labour minister, Vladimir Shcherbakov, made a request to his Italian opposite number, Carlo Donat-Cattin, for Europe to accept one million to three million migrant workers for training. But EC officials believe the request is only the thin end of the wedge, and that millions, driven by hunger and increasing anarchy at home, will stream into Eastern Europe and on into the community when pass-ports are freely issued in the Soviet Union.

The frontline countries are reinforcing their borders to keep them out. Finland has already seen a jump in the number of Soviet immigrants from 50 to 2,000 a year, and is reinforcing patrols along its 800-mile frontier with the Soviet Union.

Finnish ice-breakers will ensure there is no ice bridge

In Poland, where 70,000 Russians have already arrived contingency plans are being prospect of up to three million drawn up to turn former Russians fleeing west to Soviet army barracks into escape starvation, the Euro-emergency refugee centres. Polish immigration officials will meet their counterparts in other frontline states -Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Fi-

> In Austria, the opposition is calling for tighter immigration controls, while plans to expel 1,200 Romanians have been delayed to give them a last chance to find jobs.

The European Community is the ultimate destination for most would-be Soviet migrants. The community will resist any call to ease entry for them. But Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia have also asked the commission to accept migrant workers. And as things worsen in Romania and Bulgaria, economic refugees are expected to try to get into the community through any open back door.

On Tuesday, EC foreign ministers will discuss the threat Immigration from the rising fast: figures from a commission study to be published next week show that

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over the next decade the EC population will increase by 2.4 million, only 0.7 per cent, whereas in the southern Mediterranean it will rise by 49.6 million, more than 20 per

North Africa will account for 95 per cent of all the population growth in Europe and the Mediterranean. Turkey and Egypt alone will need to create \$80,000 new jobs each year for ten years to cope with the additional supply of nland and Austria - in two

> The report says all EC countries except the Irish Republic are destinations for immigrants from Africa and Asia because of easier communication, cheaper transport and a greater awareness in the Third World of the wealth gap between the north and south.

The EC is proposing much tighter controls, but the single market has made these more difficult to enforce. The fivenation Schengen group, comprising France, Germany and the Benelux countries, has already abolished all internal frontier checks. Italy, with a million illegal immigrants already, and a long unguarded coastline, joined the group on Tuesday, thus immediately opening up a conduit to the richer north.

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Manch time: a boy at a Moscow school for retarded children enjoying his first meal made from German food aid

#### KGB to supervise food aid deliveries

senior foreign envoy said,

hopeless distribution and the

political struggle between the

republics and regions among

"but the key problems are in

council in Leningrad, where formal rationing of staple today, and in Moscow say that they suspect Communist hardliners are trying to use the shortages to turn people

Yesterday the KGB re-"I have no doubt there is

RADICAL leaders of the city some of this going on," a special group to protect food supplies throughout the Soviet Union, but foreign diplomats little sign of real hunger in the

> In a statement the KGB said the special group would be responsible for fighting ecoported that it had set up a nomic sabotage as well as

supervision of deliveries of food aid sent from abroad in onse to appeals.

economic and political diffi-

Despite clearly deepening

culties and an almost complete disappearance of basic goods from state shops, there was little sign in Moscow yesterday that the position was as desperate as it is apparently perceived to be in the outside world. "We see no credible evidence of anything approaching famine anywhere in the country at this stage," the senior foreign envoy, who has many years of experience in Soviet affairs, said. "I see a tendency to dramatise all this in the West."

Over the past few days, in the wake of President Gorbachev's presentation of a shopping list to Western leaders in Paris last week, food and medical aid has begun to arrive in Moscow, especially

from Germany. Soviet diplomats and other officials in several countries have made dramatic calls for assistance, declaring that the present difficult situation could worsen as winter takes a grip and snow and ice hinder the transport of goods.

Soviet forces provided by Russians. But they said it was too early to be alarmed. "The treaty provides for 90 days after the exchange of

information to correct the information," one Western diplomat said. Under the treaty, each Nato and Warsaw Pact country was required to provide detailed information on the number, type and location of its conventional forces.

What especially concerned some Nato negotiators was the low numbers the Russians provided for their artillery pieces and "objects of verification", which are sites where equipment covered by the treaty is held, Western dip-lomats said. Last summer, Soviet negotiators had said they had about 18,300 artillery pieces but in the exchange of

information only 13,850 artillery pieces were listed. The number of tanks listed was also lower than expected. Mr Grinevsky said that since July 1, 1988, the Soviet Union

had moved 16,682 tanks east of the Urals, leaving 24,898 in Europe subject to cuts under the terms of the treaty, which allows each alliance 20,000. He said the tanks were moved after President Gorbachev announced unilateral arms cuts

#### Sofia MPs 'linked to secret police'

From TIM JUDAH IN SOFIA

THE question of how many MPs worked as agents for the former internal security services threatens to blow apart Bulgarian politics, in the same manner as the discrediting of the disbanded East German par-

liament, the Volkskammer. Tackling the question has been put off, but there are secret police files, particularly of the infamous Department 6 of the ministry of the interior, to be

The problem is bound to be in the minds of Bulgaria's senior politicians after the collapse on Thursday night of Andrei Lukanov's Socialist administration and the announcement that a government of national consen-

sus was being set up. Dragomir Draganov, an MP and leading radical reform member of the Socialist Party, said yes-terday: "The minute the accord over the formation of the new government has been formed, I am going to go in front of parliament and demand that the files be opened. I have heard it said

that about 94 out of our 400 MPs were either secret police agents or informers. and I want to know who they are ... I don't want to work with corrupt pol-

Mr Draganov emphasised that as far as he was concerned the issue of who had worked for the secret police was a "moral issue", though he conceded he would be more than happy if the opening of the files helped reform the Socialist Party (the former communist party) by helping bring down senior figures he regarded as backward-looking hardliners. However, he added: "The files will be impartial. The bad people are not just on my side of the

house.' The question of the secret police files was given added urgency after an unauthorised plane left Sofia on the day the government fell. There was widespread speculation in Sofia yesterday that the Bulgarian secret services have begun to fly out the files, and possibly some of their personnel, to

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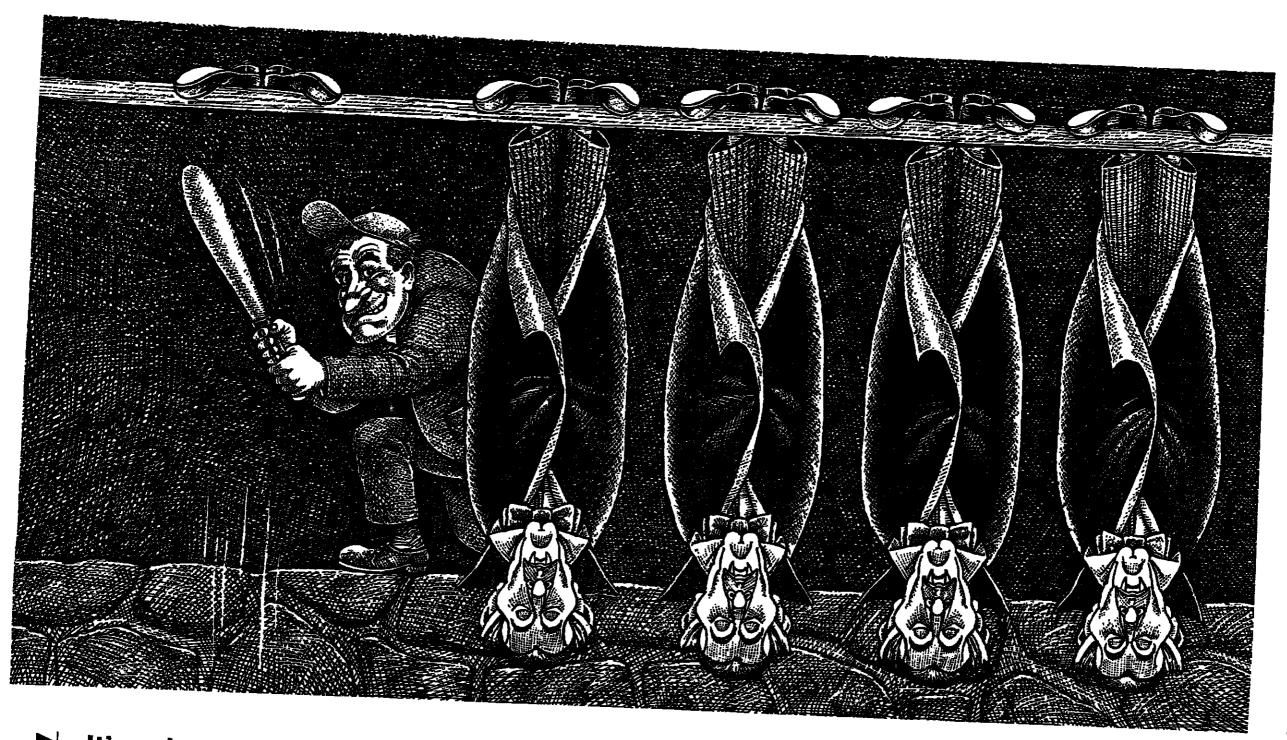
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# Inside are dozens of Sunday correspondents who will more than make up for the one that's gone

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# Poles queue to buy shares as privatisation drive begins

IN WARSAW

POLAND'S revolution moved yesterday from the streets and the ballot box into the banks. The old slogans of "fraternity and equality" were scrubbed out and replaced with talk of dividends and profit. Five state companies were privatised, the first of many hundreds, and thousands of Poles queued to buy

The privatisation has become a hot political issue. The dark horse challenger for the Polish presidency, the businessman Stanislaw Tyminski, says that the assets of the companies have been deliberately understated by the government in an attempt to sell Poland cheaply to the West.

The government says he has got his figures wrong But Lech Walesa, the front-runner for the presidency, is vulnerable on the issue. He favours revolution may cost them their jobs, are deserting him in droves. Forty per cent of those who voted for Mr Tyminski in the first round say they did so out of fear of privatisation.

Mr Walesa has become visibly nervous. The Silesian miners and steel workers are with Mr Tyminski, and more may follow. "I am horrified by the degree to which society is dissatisfied with us," Mr Walesa told the Solidarity national commission. Mr Walesa's own scheme to allay workers' fears about privatisation - issuing everybody with £5,000 share vouchers - has been discreetly dropped.

At the PKO Bank in Warsaw's appropriately named Credit Street, there were a dozen buyers at 8 am. Reports from around the country spoke of several thousand share buyers - more

even speedier privatisation and work-ers, suddenly aware that the market for the next three weeks – but there was for the next three weeks – but there was include a building materials company, a British Gas or British Telecom shares in

> It was a rather orderly queue in Credit Street, like academics in a redbrick college refectory. "I suppose it is worth doing," said a middle-aged engineer. "The government says that there will be inflation of 30 per cent next year, so it will probably be much more. This is a good investment."

> He was buying into Prochnik, a medium-sized clothes factory (sales worth £3 million in the first half of 1990) that makes trenchcoats for men and a range of women's garments. Eighty per cent of the shares are being offered to the public, 20 per cent at half the market price to the workers.

> The five companies - there will be a new wave of privatisation in January -

not the same popular storm as for maker of hi-fi equipment and a glassware enterprise. The government plan, which may even be accelerated under President Walesa, is to privatise half of state industry within five years. By the end of 1993 private shareholders should own more than half of 450 large companies that are currently owned by

There has been an intensive television and newspaper advertising campaign to persuade Poles to mobilise their savings and become small-time

But Mr Tyminski has hit a real nerve by suggesting that there is not enough estic capital to support such a huge privatisation - and that big Western players will treat Polish companies as a bargain-basement investment. A government opinion poll found that only

damental problem is that there is still no stock exchange. Part of the old communist party headquarters is being refurbished to provide a trading floor, but the bourse will not be operating until the middle of next year.

Even committed free marketeers in the government are anxious that the country will go too far, too fast, down the privatisation road. Dr Michal Wojtczak, deputy industry minister and a disciple of Milton Friedman, is cautious: "I believe in many cases privatisation is not what we need most. In some big factories, units are being broken up to make privatisation easier, but in the great majority of these cases this is a mistake."

The man leading this rush to capitalism is also becoming a pivotal man in the political game: the 43-year-old

Walesa has spotted a political anomaly: Dr Balcerowicz's personal popularity ratings are very high, yet his programme (which eucompasses bankruptcies and unemployment) is deeply unpopular.

This, and the need to reassure the West about his presidency, persuaded Mr Walesa to hint strongly that Dr Balcerowicz will be the next prime minister. Now Mr Walesa's advisers are telling him that this was a mistake.

First, it has given some easy election ammunition to Mr Tyminski. Second. it has given Dr Balcerowicz real political muscle. If Dr Bakerowicz is appointed prime minister and then resigns because of tinkering by President Walesa or his entourage, that would seriously dent international confidence in the new head of state.

# Victory but no landslide awaits Kohl in elections

From Ian Murray in Bonn

November 6, 1932, voters of a nated a campaign which genunited Germany go to the erated scarcely any heat at all. polls tomorrow to elect a His role in shaping unity democranic parliament. This meant that his Social Demohistoric occasion marks the crat challenger, Oskar Lafonfinal stage in a unification taine, never had a chance, process which the nation can particularly after he spoke out still scarcely believe has against the unification pro-

Helmut Kohl, whose control of events after the Berlin Wall disruption and suffering, have came down last year was sounded like sour grapes, masterly, is assured of a third 
The wonder is that consecutive mandate. This Kohl is apparently not headwill allow him to form another coalition between his Christian Democrats (CDU), the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), and the liberal

Free Democrats (FDP). At the same time a mixture of poll weariness in the east and uncertainty about the future in the west means that a high proportion of voters have remained undecided about whom to support. In eastern Germany, where there have been three elections since last March, 12 per cent still had not made up their minds, a Wickert Institute poll found yesterday. In the west 17 per cent were undecided.

There are 59.9 million gible voters for the 3,696 only around 25 per cent candidates of the 24 parties support, while nearly 50 per contesting 656 Bundestag cent back the CDU. The SPD seats. Half these seats are for constituencies and the other half are for a list put up by each party in each state.

Every party scoring more than 5 per cent is awarded seats in proportion to the support for its list. The voter has two ballots, one for the constituency and one for the list, so there is a mix of the SPD has been gathering sup-first-past-the-post and the port in the west. This is proportional representation

The picture has been further complicated by a ruling that the 5 per cent hurdle applies differently in each part of the country. This means that a party will need 2.5 million votes in the west but only around 600,000 in the east in order to win seats. This rule means that there is still a chance for the communists, now the Party of Democratic Socialism, to win a few seats, as well as the alliance of citizens' groups and Greens in

Herr Kohl's claim to be "the

FOR THE first time since chancellor of unity" domicess. SPD complaints that it The consequence is that was costing too much and causing too much social

The wonder is that Herr ing for a landslide. The latest polls show that the CDU and CSU can expect around 45 per cent of the vote, with another 9.5 per cent going to the FDP, whose star candidate Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign involved with unity. Those figures are almost identical to the last election in West

Germany in 1987. The SPD, which is scoring around 35 per cent in polls, won 37 per cent in 1987.

The difference is, of course that with unification the electorate has grown by around 12 million former East Germans. Separate polls carried out in the east show that the SPD has is suffering from the fact that it has no power base left among workers who, after 40 years of communism, regard anything called "socialist"

with suspicion The fact that the CDU is so much stronger in the east and yet is not increasing its lead nationally suggests that the probably because many fear that Herr Latontaine's doom scenario of high taxes, housing shortages and unemployment

could come true. The popularity of Herr Genscher is another factor which is stopping the CDU sweeping the board. The foreign minister is the most respected politician in the country and the FDP exploits his role in European politics to the full and has made a coalition with the CDU conditional on his remaining deputy chancellor.



Photo opportunity: a Russian soldier dwarfed by a poster of Hans-Dietrich Genscher in Schwerin

### Poster war rages ahead of Berlin poll

Berlin's Christian Demo-

power in a grand coalition on possible coalition partner.

taine, the Social Democrat candidate for the chancellorship in tomorrow's elections.

"We start early to beat the opposition," he said, glueing yet another SPD poster over a Christian Democrat hoarding. By 9 am, Herr Sassner had left 35 posters along the length of the street, and few residents of northeast Berlin could have escaped Herr Lafontaine's

A mere half-hour after his departure, however, Christian Sobst arrived with the same zealous gleam in his eye and began pasting pictures of Helmut Kohl — Chancellor

for Germany" - over Herr Sassner's handiwork. With Berlin ranked as one of the least predictable results in an otherwise predictable election, the poster war has taken on a feverish intensity in the final hours before

morning. Emperor Kohl, page 16 is scarcely a poster in the east since the fall of the form

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considerable expense, too.

AT DAWN yesterday, Jurgen bearing the message: "The East German regime, pursued the basis of the eastern "grati-Sassner was patrolling the CDU was never so necessary", an uncompromising strategy tude vote" for unity. Mean-chilly length of east Berlin's which has not been transwith squarters last month while the Liberal Free Friezdauer Allee with a trolley formed by the malicious deletion of a single syllable to reminiscent rather of hyperselection of a single syllable to reminiscent rather of hyperselection of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles of Oskar Lafon-tion of a single syllable to reminiscent rather of hyperselection of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the Liberal Free principles and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity. Mean-while the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the eastern "grati-tude vote" for unity and the basis of the tion of a single syllable to reminiscent rather of hypermake it read "The CDU was orderly Bavaria than tra-ditionally liberal "Red never so two-faced".

Berlin, which has lately sought its identity as a bright contrast to worthy old Bonn crats hope for a return to hurdle and make them a with a rather chaotic Red-Green governing coalition to match, is now campaigning to be the seat of government.

On both sides of the former border the shape of the city's parliament, the Senate, is attracting more interest than the extent of the CDU victory nationwide.

The Social Democrats led by Walter Momper, the popular ruling mayor, hopes to buck the national trend by gaining "40 plus X" per cent of the vote, enabling it to restore the foundered coalition with the leftwing Alternative List.

Years of geographical and from Bonn have resulted in voting begins tomorrow the city developing a more aggressive, street-led political culture. The Social Demo-crats, fearing that they could be hurt by the anti-left swing

#### Rightists 'attacked children'

From AP IN JOHANNESBURG

TWELVE white men have been arrested in connection with an assault on black children in a park last weekend. The arrests came as police disclosed that four bodies of people apparently killed in political or tribal unrest were found in the Bekkersdal black township, southwest of

Johannesburg. Several children were in jured when a group of rightwing extremists attacked a church outing on Sunday at a park in Louis Tritchard, in the country's far north. The men told the church group it could not use the park, then attacked the children with whips, fan belts, hosepipes and sticks. The children ranged in age

from seven to 14.
Police said 12 men were arrested on Thursday night on charges of public violence and that the investigation continued. They added that whips, hose pipe and fan belts had been seized as evidence.

The government recently lifted apartheid laws that had segregated public facilities such as parks, swimming pools and libraries. Some conservative towns in South Africa have closed facilities rather than permit blacks to use them.

In Bekkersdal, the body of a man who had been stabbed was found on Thursday, and three other bodies of people killed by shotgun or stab Friday. More than 800 people have been killed in Johannes burg area townships since August in clashes between African National Congress and Inkatha Freedom Party supporters.

#### Mother 'awarded custody?

judge awarded custody of Hilary, aged seven, to her mother Dr Elizabeth Morgan, in a highly publicised child custody battle, according to the US television station WJLA-TV, which also reported that the father. Dr Eric Foretich, had said that he would not pursue the case.

Dr Morgan had accused Dr Foretich of sexually abusing Hilary and sent her into hiding when a US court granted him unsupervised visiting rights. She spent 25 months in jail for refusing to disclose the whereabouts of Hilary, who had been in hiding in New Zealand for more than two years before her discovery in summer Dr Foretich has always denied allegations he had sexually abused the child. (Reuter)

#### Miners strike

Ankara - In the biggest stoppage since Turkey granted unions the right to strike in 1963, 48,000 miners walked off their jobs after a breakdown in pay talks. The state companies offered annual 75 per cent pay rises cent but the unions wanted the average monthly wage of £92 to be raised fivefold. (AP)

Boat tragedy

Santo Domingo - A boat taking Dominican illegal immigrants to Puerto Rico sank, drowning eight and leaving about 30 others missing after 20 were rescued (Reuter)

Climbing death

Wellington - Walter Hume Hogg, aged 24, a chemical engineer from Glasgow, was killed while climbing New Zealand's Alps. (AFP)

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funeral business, it will cater for the foot of the grave. One

what with an extensive range of cut-price coffins. Like pioneers in every field of human endeavour, he has faced stern resistance from the establishment, mostly in the shape of the network of Pompes Funèbres Générales. Since anything of significance in France involves scrious Lum Poly's paperwork, dying and being buried is a process governed by an array of minutely de-

tailed official regulations, some dating back to last century. There are codes about preservation of corpses, codes about funeral processions, and codes about the size and material and price of coffins (extras not included in category C, tinted hardwood).

Thanks to a long-established system, the recipients of official monopolies granted by communes all over France have prospered mightily. In Paris, for instance, the municipal funeral service farms out work to private enter-prises. With the average cost of a basic burial now somewhere in the region of 15,000 francs (about £1,500), M Leclerc reckons the total market - accessories and decora-

the receiving end of suits from Leclerc suggests: some of the Pompes Funebres Générales and others accusing him of violating their monopoly.

Undaunted and unshake ably convinced of the demand for self-service death on the cheap, he got around the law in Creteil by constructing his supermarket with a floor area marginally smaller than that which would have required official authorisation. M Leclerc expects most of

his customers will be interested in ensuring a properly impressive funeral for themseives when their time comes. He is also hoping to attract people who want something to spruce up the family tomb. With manic concern for the

small print, French funeral regulations also set out, to the very last sou, what extra costs will have to be borne. In Paris, there is a munici-

pal tax of 150 francs on every burial: inhumation is calculated at a further 70 francs per square metre, exhumation costs a flat 253 francs plus police charges and the cost of hiring a gravedigger.

If death takes place on the public highway - not at all an unlikely event given local driving habits - Paris also levies a charge for ramassage,

# But men just won't wear it

**Clifford Longley** 

bling on the brink, a memorial service was held at Westminster Abbey for Lady Home, a more conventional former female occupant of 10 Downing Street. In the congregation of past and present government luminaries, the women mostly wore hats, the men were all bare-headed, for that is the custom. Its origins are well enough known; and from its origins, its meaning Women should cover their heads in church, said St Paul, out of respect for male authority and to show that it is wrong for women to have authority over men.

It hardly needs saying that this is not why most women wore hats in the abbey that day. The convention is enough. What does need saying is that for women to have authority over men is not yet as fully accepted as the other way round. There has been little comment so far on the possibility that the mixed feelings about Mrs Thatcher, even her downfall, may stem partly from the fact that she

People's minds may tell them women are the equal of men, but the amen from their hearts is often muffled. As Jung discovered, religion is an excellent short cut to the depths of the human psyche. How people behave in church is an indication of what goes on in those depths. While 99 per cent of the population appear to accept that women may exercise authority in the political sphere, the proportion hesitant about or downright opposed to women having authority in the religious sphere is substantially larger.

Among active members of the Church of England they constitute about a third. Whether a typical member of that third has an unconscious distaste for the idea of a woman prime minister, only his (or indeed her) psychiatrist could say. Those who criticise Mrs Thatcher's style sometimes mention her voice or even her hair and the famous handbag. Listening to the debate on female ordination in the Church of England, the similarity of the prejudices unveiled there is striking — "handbags on the altar" is a favourite sneer (in private).

Straight misogyny they will deny, as emphatically as do Mrs Thatcher's detractors. Even chapter 11 of St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians makes them vastly uneasy, because it is so far the wrong side of the contemporary liberal picket line. "For a man it is not right to have his head covered, since he is the image of God and reflects God's glory; but woman is the reflection of man's glory. For man did not come from woman; no, woman came from man; nor was man created for the sake of ut woman for the sake of man; and that is why it is right for a woman to wear on her head a sign of the authority over her..." The Archbishop-elect of Canter-

t the very moment Mrs
Thatcher's career was wobbling on the brink, a mebling on the brink, a mebling on the brink, a mewhich was discussing women bishops. It has only now been published having been rejected as a draft for a chapter in the report, after, we are told, "heated exchanges". In his draft, Dr Carey argues that women have been admitted to roles of authority in society and have shown their ability as leaders, and that this may be pointing the church towards the need for a break with its own tradition, overriding St Paul.

At the beginning of the debate 20 years ago, supporters of female ordination did not base their argument on woman's equal status in society. Rather, they said that in the name of justice the church should lead secular opinion to accept women clergy, just as a church in a racist society should ordain black priests to confront white prejudice with the justice demanded by the Gospel.

What is now argued is the exact reverse, that women feel alienated in church, and will stop going — or not start to go — unless the ordained ministry is as fully opened to both sexes as are leadership roles in secular society. So is this a circular argument, or can they have it both ways? They can, but only if the a priori assumption of the justice of female equality is based on some other ground than social acceptability. "We are agreed," wrote Dr Carey, in the tone of a drafter of a consensus document, "that the ordination of women... has to be justified on theological grounds" and not "simply" by reference to what has happened in society. He might have added that the church must also decide if what has happened in secular society can be justified on theological grounds.

But his problem is that the normative Scriptural text on male authority over women is 1 Corinthians 11, the memory of which is so entrenched that it continues to dictate customs in headware among the rulers (and churchgoers) of secular Britain and their wives and husbands. It is not enough to say, as Dr Carey does, that "the entire passage bristles with exegetical problems", as if that raises a theological doubt, because the only problems it bristles with are those arising from its rejection by society. Virtually the entire content of Christianity

has that problem.

The Church of England cannot answer the question of whether or not St Paul had a good point just by referring to contemporary secular practice, particularly if it reads that practice only one way, by excluding all the evidence that female equality, particularly equality in authority, is still a tender plant.
Attitudes as deep as these change
only very slowly, generation by generation. They may yet change completely; but it is much too soon to be certain. The Church of England will have to be patient.

The Times Profile: with a third term virtually assured in tomorrow's elections, Helmut Kohl will further enhance his standing as the strong man of Europe

# Emperor of all he surveys

f Margaret Thatcher was the bravest European statesman of our time, Helmut Kohl is the most successful. At her best Mrs Thatcher recalled Elizabeth L As he nears the culminating triumph of his annus mirabilis, victory tomorrow in the first federal election of the reunited Germany, Helmut Kohl's rule begins to resemble that of a latterday medieval emperor. a Frederick Barbarossa.

His period in office has yet to surpass hers: eight years to her 11 and a half, but Kohl has already led the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) for even longer than she led the Tories - 17 years. He is still only 60: 13 years younger than the only comparable figure, Konrad Adenauer, when he took office.

A third successive term will establish the Kohl era alongside those of Adenauer (1949-1963) and Brandt/Schmidt (1969-1982) as the third distinct phase in the rise of the German Federal Republic. It has been Kohl's good fortune (he would say the grace of God) to preside over the most epic story of all.

He has outlasted most of his political contemporaries; among elder statesmen, only Willy Brandt and President von Weizsäcker are still active. A youth spent in the harsh years of the occupation and the brash years of the Wirtschaftswunder still determines his attitudes to social, economic and foreign issues - and to the German Question. When Kohl is confronted by hardship in the eastern regions, he can claim to have seen it all before in the late

The children of the Nazis, the rebels now entering middle age, have no time for Kohl's homely, patriotic, anti-ideological politics. But the youngest generation of voters cannot remember a time when this genial Rhenish giant was not reassuring them that they need not worry about their German identities, as their parents did and still do endlessly.

The sermoniser has become a miracle-worker - spectacularly so in the East, where he has con-vinced a majority that they have nothing to fear but their own anxiety. Kohl's career is now at its zenith, but he clearly has a head for heights. How solid, though, is the pedestal of the colossus?

Political power in Germany, now a single state with two competing capitals, derives from the possession of a Hausmacht, an independent power-base in the provinces. Kohl is now so dominant that his dukes, the Christian Democrat minister-presidents of the Lander (provinces), have ceased to conspire against him.

Bavaria was for many years a ting centre of gravity, run its own "sister-party", the Christian Social Union (CSU). It was ruled with great aplomb until two years ago by the late Franz Josef Strauss, who at times posed as much of a threat to Kohl as Duke Henry the Lion did to Barbarossa. Since the death of the lion of Bavaria, Kohl has bound the new CSU leader, Theo Waigel, to the fortunes of the government by charging him, as finance minister, with the reconstruction of the East. Waigel's fealty is secure.

Others who once coveted the imperial crown - such as the defence minister, Gerhard Stoltenberg - have long since settled for the roles of loyal retainers. Even the economic wizard of Baden-Württemberg, Lothar Spath, who 18 months ago was a dangerous rival, is expected to serve in the chancellor's reshuffled cabinet. Kohl can afford to keep his henchmen on a long leash, because he has never neglected the national, regional or local levels of the CDU. Mrs Thatcher's inter-



national standing may have been higher than Kohl's, but he is far less vulnerable to a palace coup than she proved to be. Kohl knows personally every town's CDU bigwig, and he is a consummate

wielder of patronage.

He has paid a heavy price for that. Kohl's public joviality has masked the severe strains on his marriage. He has pursued his political career so single-mindedly as to leave little time for his wife, Hannelore. Their marriage is a practical partnership rather than a great romance. They rarely entertain privately together, Kohl prefers to eat out with his political cronies. He can be boorish towards women, as Mrs Thatcher had occasion to discover. The court of Helmut Kohl, now basking in the glory of its sovereign, is

fter his third major election campaign in a year, Kohl moves around Germany like a benevolent patriarch. He no longer deigns even to mention by opponent from the Social Democrats, Oskar Lafontaine, except as the gentleman from the Saarland". Indeed, the SPD's campaign has looked increasingly pitiful ever since that great day a year ago when the Wall was stormed after a premature announcement by the tottering East German regime.

When, soon after November 9, Kohl put forward his famous tenpoint plan for reunification, the SPD was caught on the hop. Not that Kohl and his advisers had expected the sudden turn of events, but the chancellor's personal commitment to reunification made a speedy adaptation to the new circumstances much easier than it was for the opposition. Lafontaine was temperamentally and culturally out of sympathy with the whole inexorable movement towards a single Germany. He was a prisoner of a Bonn coterie of champagne socialists which could not revert to the

anti-communism of the old SPD. Kurt Schumacher, leader in the post-war years, was the last of the party's German nationalist Mohicans. Lafontaine had nothing to say to the East. Even the septuagenarian Willy Brandt was far more potent in ravaged Brandenburg than a chancellorcandidate 30 years his junior.

Kohl has not allowed himself to be deterred from mixing with the populace, despite recent security breaches. First Kohl's partner in bailing out Gorbachev, the head of the Deutsche Bank, Alfred

6 Kohl is unlikely ever to agree to allow Poland, Czechoslovakia or Hungary to join the EC. German influence would be alluted and his dream of a united western Europe made impossible?

Herrhausen, was blown up. Then Oskar Lafontaine was stabbed in the neck, almost fatally, by a deranged woman. Finally Kohl's right-hand man, the interior minister Wolfgang Schäuble, was shot, leaving him paralysed from the waist down.

The chancellor had leant so heavily on Schauble in the past, notably in relations with the East, that loyalty to his crippled heir apparent was instinctive. Like Mrs Thatcher, who endured the deaths and injuries of intimates at the hands of the IRA with impressive stoicism, Kohl has earned general respect by encouraging Schäuble to soldier on in his post. Generosity to a subordinate in

trouble is, however, the exception rather than the rule with Kohl. On one occasion he gave one of his most senior officials a public dressing-down before dozens of journalists at a chancellery press conference. The poor man's only crime had been a failure to fetch the right statistics quickly when der Chef needed them.

Indeed der Chef has few, if any, close friends outside his kitchen cabinet. Kohl's trusties have mostly been with him since his salad days as premier of the Rhineland-Palatinate.

Surprisingly - since the chancellor's vengeance is rarely mitigated by time - his old rival of the 1970s, Kurt Biedenkopf, was re-cently allowed to make a comeback in one of the eastern provinces. Occasionally Kohl has brushed aside long-standing associates, such as the speaker of the Bundestag. Philipp Jenninger, who was accused of presenting Nazi crimes in too sympathetic a light. The former CDU general secretary, Heiner Geissler, became too treacherous and, despite havvictories, was ruthlessly dumped. Geissler's young successor Volker Ruhe aspires to usurp the all-powerful foreign ministry from Kohl's ageing coalition ally, Hans-Dietrich Genscher. But Genscher's Free Democrats are strong in the east, and will do well tomorrow. Their hold over the foreign ministry is likely to be extended even after Genscher's

The turbulent alliance of Kohl and the world's most experienced foreign minister has, indeed, been the fixed point of West German politics ever since the Free Democrats abandoned Helmut Schmidt to his left-wing rebels in 1982. Over the past year it has proved invaluable, as Genscher cashed in his diplomatic chips in Fast and West to smooth the way

This year, however, Kohl's own statesmanship, hitherto slightly overshadowed by Genscher's, has

acquired true stature. It was he, not Genscher, who finally extracted the decisive concession - Nato membership of a united Germany - from Mikhail Gorbachev, at their momentous summit in the Caucasus last summer.

Considering that Gorbachev was freezing Kohl out as recently as 1987, when he had already met Mrs Thatcher and Ronald Reagan several times, the promotion of the German chancellor's to become the Soviet president's most important ally is extraordinary. But Kohl is too calculating a politician to be captivated by predecessors in the field of Russo-German rapprochement, who to western eyes may look sinister. Yorck at Tauroggen, Bismarck's Dreikaiserbund and Rathenau at Rapallo (not to mention Ribbentrop). Like other western leaders, Kohl is hedging his bets on the survival of Gorbachev and of the Soviet Union itself.

is shilly-shallying over the border with Poland last February was a sign of impatience with those who, as he sees it, use allusions to the Nazis to prevent Germany regaining her place in the sun. Strict adherence to constitutional procedure is an integral part of his creed, and Kohl had been told by his top judges that he had no right to offe binding guarantees on behalf of East Germany. He took a long time to comprehend the dismay of the Poles over his delay in promising a treaty immediately after reunification.

It was an uncharacteristic blunder, because Kohl had pursued a shrewd and far-sighted policy towards Poland over the previous year. By refusing to bail out the communist Rakowski government, he had ensured Solidarity's accession to power. If Lech Walesa, whom Kohl admires, now wins the Polish presidency, relations with Germany should become more cordial.

But under Heimut Kohl Germany is most unlikely ever to agree to allow Poland, Czechoslovakia or Hungary to join the European Community. This is partly because of the strength of the German antiimmigration lobby, which has a gained new recruits among poor and resentful East Germans, but also for more Machiavellian reasons. As client states on the fringes of the Community, the new democracies are beholden to Germany, but have no automatic .... claim on German subsidies. As EC member states, they would dilute Germany's influence. A far more beterogenous Community, embracing most of the continent west of -the Soviet Union, would render impossible Kohl's dream of following German unification with the unification of Western Europe.

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ern partners has never wavered in " its ultimate aim. He believes in the post-war myth of a federal Europe, ~~ which was intended to counterbalance the two superpowers, and now, consequently, looks dated. Kohl's version would, of course, be loosely based on the constitution of the Federal Republic, in nations would retain sovereignty which, like the German Lander, only over limited areas of domestic politics.

At bottom this is a backwardlooking vision, for it would create something like the international system of medieval Christendom, rather than the more sharply defined Europe of nation states which has prevailed since the Reformation. For Helmut Kohl, the Rhenish Catholic, nothing could be more congenial. Others, however, will remember that the medieval Roman empire was, for most of its history, dominated by ... the Germans.

#### MATTHEW PARRIS

...and moreover

s Thursday's vote at the slaughtered a few thousand A UN proves, time is run-ning out. Saddam Hussein cannot continue like this. He cannot, that is, carry on shouldering, alone, the burden of being principal world villain. Already the strain is beginning to tell. For one undistinguished leader of one minor country, it is an enormous task he has taken on. His record of villainy is, to give him his due, promising, but weighed in the international balance, not unusual. And it is now hard to see what scope remains for new

atrocities to hold our attention. For the world must have an enemy. Now that we no longer believe in Satan yet believe still in sin - now that there is no supernatural Evil One in our mythology - some human replacement must plainly be found to draw together the

threads of our hatred of evil. The quest is urgent, for the Evil Empire has gone. A comfortable glow of nostalgia now bathes the cold war, when everybody knew who the enemy was; that enemy is reduced to such a state that we now contemplate sending food parcels. We should give generously, if only in gratitude for a magnificent performance, sustained for nearly half a century and responsible for an era of rock-solid international stability. But the Ruskies have done

their bit, and deserve a rest. They stepped in to replace the greatest star turn of the century, perhaps of all time. In the annals of evil, Adolf Hitler's was unparalleled. The decision to award him this role was, of course, rather subsequent to the decision to attack him - made for other reasons. But we have rewritten that chapter, and the Germans have more than pulled their weight as the beasts

of Europe, for two world wars. In the beasts of Europe slot. the Russians did an earlier stint. The old Tsarist order for which we now affect some sentimental regard took over from the French (a sterling performance, there, right up to Waterloo) and managed the long haul through the latter part of the 19th century before handing the baton on to the Kaiser. When the Ottomans, our allies,

Bulgars in a doubtless routine way, only Mr Gladstone raised an evebrow.

Mind you, they don't make evil empires like they used to. Look at imperial Spain! Wow! Rape, pillage, genocide, Inquisition . . . a good job they didn't win, though, or our own piratical deeds might have to be reindexed under  $\underline{V}$  for Villainy

instead of H for Heroism. Those were the days when there was no "western world" and no "international opinion". It was possible to run a number of villains simultaneously, with views differing from country to country as to who the real villains were. Even last century, the Americans tended to see us. the British, as the evil empire, although this was completely without foundation of course.

But now the age of masscommunication makes any serious dissent as to who is to be cast in which role an irritating impediment to news-management; and, more and more, we agree to agree. So it is wrong to complain that until recently our choice of (say) South Africa to be indignant about - rather than (say) Zaire, Guinea Bissau or Rwanda - is indicative of

hypocrisy. We have neither the time nor the focus to be indignant about too many places at once. And there is another thing; in our strong but unconscious residual mythology, evil has one source, not many. It must flow from somewhere. We like to know

Accepting that, you may see

the force in what I now propose. We should abandon the pretence at rationality, admit that the thing is a necessary lottery, and institutionalise the lottery. Just as we have a "book of the month" or a "year of the disabled", so we should adopt a world enemy of the year". Iraq (previously, and under the same regime, our ally) has a little further to run. Syria would have been a good next choice, but we have just restored diplomatic relations. So what about Burundi? Or Indonesia (which invaded East Timor recently with absolutely no complaint

from anyone outside)?

Any other bids?

#### Joining Major's meritocracy

here may be no women in John Major's cabinet, but the Conservative party will be able to trumpet one equal opportunities breakthrough today: the selection of what should prove to be the party's first black MP. John Taylor, a former barrister and now a £30,000-a-year adviser on immigration at the Home Office, is due to be formally adopted by Cheltenham Conservative association as its prospec-tive parliamentary candidate this morning. He will have beaten off 260 other applicants, among them former MPs Piers Merchant and Geoffrey Lawlor. If the seat is not quite immune from a Liberal Democrat surge - Sin Charles Irving had a majority in 1987 of just under 5,000 - Tory leaders are certain that Taylor will join them at Westminster after the next election. Sir Charles, who is retiring, has held the seat since 1974 and the local Liberal Democrats are divided over their own

choice of candidate. Although the party has tried to keep the selection quiet in advance of today's formal adoption, the 36-year-old Taylor confirms: "Yes, I have been selected although not yet formally adopted. I am very excited. Cheltenham is a beautiful place." Indeed it is, although it is hardly noted for a large ethnic minority population.

The son of a Warwickshire professional cricketer. Taylor did his legal training in the chambers of that noted socialist John Mortimer. One episode of Rumpole features a black pupil whom Taylor has long suspected was based on him. Not so, says Mortimer. Taylor later went on to his own

chambers in Birmingham, his home town, where he found his colleagues more politically sympathetic. The adjoining office was occupied by Kenneth Clarke.

So impressed is Norman Tebbit that he predicts Taylor will be Britain's first black cabinet minister. The prediction should be taken seriously, for Tebbit is currently claiming some success in picking winners. It was he, in 1987, who first tipped John Major for

 Political history was rewritten at Walthamstow greyhound track on Thursday night. Super Maggie romped home at 9-2 while Premier Major was four lengths adrift in

#### Top of the pole

ho says John Major is grey and boring? He may have acted with considerable solemnity when he won the Tory leadership, but self-restraint was not obvious when he first won a seat on Lambeth council in 1968. His long-time friend Peter Golds, who introduced Major to his wife, Norma, and was at Downing Street for the celebration party on Tuesday night, recalls: "We were in the Brixton Road at about 2am when John climbed a lamp-post and started throwing stones at the window of the elderly lady who had run his election campaign. He was desperate to tell her about his victory and was yelling, 'We've won, we've won', when a policeman came around the corner and spotted him."

Golds and other local Tories had a difficult time explaining that the man waving from the the lamp-post was the newly elected representative of the law and order party.



#### Matilda transported

ur cricketers may be on the way to losing the Ashes, but English pride could be restored by stealing back something

the Australians regard as even more valuable: that unofficial antipodean anthem, "Waltzing Matilda". Citizens of Rochester claim that the tune is actually a 200-year-old Kentish folksong. Australian historians insist that

the words were composed in Queensland by Banjo Patterson in 1895, and credit his sister with the tune. But Medway councillor Tom Mason, a former mayor of Rochester, says his research proves that the tune was around at least a century earlier.

"It's called 'The Bold Fusilier' and was originally played by the Duke of Mariborough's soldiers in the 18th century to recruit troops for his Low Countries campaign, says Mason, who has recorded what he believes is the original version of the song for charity. Historians in Kent believe that convicts in the hulks along the Medway, awaiting transportation to Australia, heard the song and

took the tune with them. The claim, naturally, has infuriated patriotic Australians. Phil Harrison of the Australian High Commission in London concedes

that there is another theory, that the tune was originally an old Scottish folksong called "Our Bonny Wood of Craigielea". That claim Australians find less offensive. After all, they don't play the Scots at cricket.

#### Rising soon

ournalists in the Gulf are, no doubt, all intrepid fellows but J even their courage trails behind that of Toyohiro Akiyama, about to become what the Japanese are proudly calling the world's first "cosmo-reporter"

Akiyama takes off from Baikonur cosmodrome in central Asia tomorrow to become the first



journalist in space. Japan's largest television network, the Tokyo Broadcasting System, has paid the Soviets £5 million for the privilege and plans "blanket coverage" of the flight to the Mir space station and back. Quite how it will fill the hours of airtime is something of a mystery for, despite the hefty ticket price, TBS will be allowed only one ten-minute live transmission per day. For the rest,

camera crews have the daunting task of trying to film the space station racing across the sky - not easy given that it takes a mere ten minutes to traverse Japan.

On his journey into space Akiyama will be accompanied by six tree frogs, to be used for behavioural experiments outside the earth's gravity field. All faced stiff competition to get on the flight. Akiyama was chosen from 163 journalists, the six cosmo-amphibians from 1,500 rivals.

#### Tribute uncrowned

ore news about the absence of the film of the Oueen's coronation from ---spokesman confirms, as the Diary reported yesterday, that permission had been sought to use the film and was refused. "The actual moment of crowning is a very special and private one and permission for it to be used is only ... very rarely given," says the spokesman. "Other film of the Coronation ceremony can be much more freely used."

Ludovic Kennedy, who wrote ... and introduced the programme, - ... insists that the moment of crown- .... ing is public, not private. His view is supported by David Williamson, senior editor of Debrett: "Her Majesty was crowned in front of her subjects. That had to be a .... public moment. I recall that the Queen taking communion was not .... televised, and that I can under- ... stand. But it does seem odd that

she should not allow film of the actual crowning to be used." Kennedy adds: "The crowning has been shown on television time without number in the last 37 ... years The difference was that permission was not sought.

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#### WITHDRAW OR FIGHT

President Bush yesterday pressed home the diplomatic advantage given him by America's victory at the United Nations by inviting Iraq's foreign minister, Tariq Aziz, to Washington and offering to send his secretary of state, James Baker, to Baghdad. Mr Bush made plain that nothing in Iraq's conduct encouraged optimism but that he was ready to "go the extra mile" to avoid a war. He has done so though this meant modifying America's previous stance that President Saddam Hussein must withdraw from Kuwait before talks took place.

There is clearly a danger in this. Saddam might interpret Bush's initiative as a sign of weakness, and of an ultimate unwillingness to resort to force. If he does, he will be gravely mistaken.

Saddam is dealing with the most powerful coalition ever mustered in peacetime. United Nations resolution 687 strongly reinforces the international legal basis for military action if Iraq fails to withdraw from Kuwait by January 15. Its passage is a triumph for American diplomacy, made possible by the Bush administration's diplomatic odyssey of recent weeks and the stress Washington has placed since August 2 on co-operation between the super-powers. In the sternest ultimatum ever issued by the United Nations, Saddam has been given a straight choice: accept the inevitability of withdrawal or fight. He should now accept that the poker game is ending, and bow to the inevitable.

The security council's decision is less the first fruit of the new diplomacy of collective security than a tribute to the vitality of oldfashioned realpolitik. The Americans have employed carrots and sticks as necessary with council members to secure a united front.

Realpolitik will also dictate Iraq's ultimate decision. Iraq's confidence is not just bluster. Saddam knows that, while President Bush has now secured his international diplomatic flank, the domestic front is far from quiet.

The long interval between the first dispatch of American forces last August and the setting of the January deadline has allowed apprehension to mount. There is not yet an anti-war movement on the scale of the Vietnam years.

Recruitment to the armed forces has fallen to nearly a third of the norm and some Gls have told reporters that they joined the army to go free to college, not to fight a war. But most of the grumbling in the ranks is about boredom, army rations, the prohibition on alcohol in Saudi Arabia and plain homesickness standard grouses from troops far from home.

That said, a national debate has begun. Doubts about the wisdom of waging a costly war in the Gulf, while not epidemic, are spreading through the churches, the campuses and the towns. A few weeks ago, many of these doubts could have been attributed to Mr Bush's failure coherently to articulate American war aims. In recent weeks, he has made good that omission. Americans now know why their troops are in the Gulf. But many Americans remain unconvinced that the cause, however just, is worth the sacrifice of American lives. The new talks should help, for if they do not lead to peace, then surely Americans will realise that they are dealing with a man who will not bow to reason.

Mr Bush's troubles have grown through his need to cement an international coalition in the Gulf. Congress is grumbling that American public opinion has been left out of the Administration's calculations. So far, Mr Bush has resisted the advice of leading Republican senators to recall Congress for a special debate, fearing that half-hearted support would undercut the impact on Iraq of America's accelerated military buildup and the UN vote.

The risk is genuine. Senior Democrats such as Senators Edward Kennedy and Sam Nunn are demanding that sanctions be given 12-18 months to work and are summoning to senate hearings a parade of witnesses who agree. Senator Nunn says military action is justified but asks, is it wise? The answer must be that it is. Saddam will not be deceived by a show of force and will certainly not withdraw unless he is convinced that he will be militarily defeated. His destruction is a vital interest. This is the view not only of the United States but of the Soviet Union and the rest of the world. If America does not pursue the course it has set, American credibility will be lost forever.

#### **EUROPEAN EMPIRICISM**

At the height of the quarrel over the European Community budget in 1984, Mrs Thatcher arrived at the Fontainbleau summit with a peace offering. Called "Europe - the Future", the document took a robustly constructive view of the EC's future. It successfully put on the agenda the revival of the stalled attempt to create a true single market. John Major's government has now embarked on the writing

of its sequel. Lodged only in the House of Commons library, the Thatcher manifesto made no public impact. If Mr Major and Mr Hurd intend to accentuate the positive with their new European prospectus they had better learn from that lesson. Mr Major may intend to be more diplomatic than his predecessor, but he must still speak clearly at next month's conferences in Rome on monetary and

political union. Even if Mr Major delivers the news more courteously than Mrs Thatcher, he must repeat that British governments do not sign up to commitments they have no intention of fulfilling. The country's interests do not at present include a single currency in Europe. If a better balance is to be found between national economic policy and monetary stability in an integrating European market, empirically tested steps are the only way. When the endgame envisaged by the Delors report monetary union - is reached, Britain may yet be forced to make an unpalatable choice between economic disadvantage outside or loss of autonomy inside. But for now, the government must try to force open as many options as possible.

Our progress in Europe will be easier, conventional wisdom runs, with Mrs Thatcher out of the way. Remove that obstruction and we can swim with the European tide, sorting out the problems as they arise. This would be a disastrously hazy prescription. The Thatcher style was indeed tactless. But a real division exists in Britain over how far any government should make commitments to pan-European authorities. The fault line runs down the

middle of the Conservative and Labour parties. It splits the country as a whole.

On monetary union, the pressure in Rome will be to agree a final destination before any haggling about how to get there. To monetary union, Britain is already committed. Even a solemn commitment to a single currency could allow - as any British minister may honourably argue - for the possibility that a parallel extra currency, such as the hard ecu, might evolve into that single currency. British policy is open-ended; so, too, should be the debate about routes and timetables. Britain could, by acknowledging the likelihood that economic convergence will lead to a single currency, make the most of its more empirical approach.

Making decisions at the lowest appropriate level of government, according to the principle of subsidiarity, looks likely to be the best way of reversing the centripetal tendencies of the community's machinery. The key is the appointment of the referee: who decides exactly how the decision-making is distributed between region, state and European Community? A strong EC requires streamlined cooperation between the principal political units of today, the nation states. The referee should therefore be the national governments in the Council of Ministers. This pivotal allocation of powers needs unanimity and cannot be achieved with majority votes. Scrutiny of the workings of the European Commission and ministers by parliaments, both national and European, can be improved. But power of

decision should not shift to the centre. The abstractions of a single currency will be dwarfed by the problems with which Europe will probably have to struggle next year: protectionism, refugees, ethnic disputes and possible catastrophe in the Soviet Union. Against this background, making good the original commitments to free the movement of people, capital and goods throughout the Community will be hard. To be strong enough to cope with these pressures, Europe has to be large and open. Britain is still the strongest voice proclaiming that compelling vision.

#### **CHANGE IN THE AIR**

First John Major selects no woman for his cabinet. Then, far worse, Woman's Hour, star in the galaxy of public service broadcasting in Britain, is to be summarily dispatched after 44 years on the air. Was it for this Margaret Thatcher fought male chauvinism for 15 years?

Radio 4 is Britain's only national speechbased radio channel. From next autumn, it will be joined by a commercial rival and the prospect seems to have cause one of the BBC's periodic failures of nerve. The corporation has embarked on a series of programme changes apparently designed to make its output not more different from what is likely to be supplied by the free market, but a competitive mirror image of it.

Radio, as Marshal McLuhan said, is the hot medium, television the cold. Radio engages the intellect, rather than the senses. Public service radio is highly sensitive and should be tampered with at peril. Broadcasting executives are fixated by ratings and competition whether or not they receive public subsidy and seem professionally reluctant to leave well

The corporation says that the proposed change has been researched, and that in the Radio 4 audience there is an appetite for speech radio programmes which can be dipped into, rather than listened to in full. It is a concept they have yet to apply to Radio 3. But the essence of BBC radio has always been a determination to talk up to its audience, not down. Lovers of Woman's Hour are now to paper which passes for modern "chat" radio. The new will produce the broadcasting equivalent of junk food, designed for nibblers.

Change can be achieved painlessly. Woman's Hour has subtly moved from its original mix of yarns, home tips and beauty to more sophisticated features. The daily and omnibus editions of The Archers were ingeniously rescheduled. The Today programme has evolved from a ponderous pre-recorded compilation of news stories to set a high

standard of seriousness leavened with real wit. Such successes are rare alongside the BBC's history of bungled revamps. Remember when Radio 4 became Radio 4UK? Or when a signature tune, and pre-news jingles were inserted into Today? Or when the news was sliced from the start of The World at One. sending ratings plunging? Or when whole mornings were swallowed up by the Radio 4 'Rollercoaster', offering the same pick'n'mix levity formula programming the BBC is now suggesting for Radio 4 on FM? Listeners forced the BBC to drop such schemes, to allow serious producers to give listeners a standard they had

come to expect for their licence money. Woman's Hour must survive. The changes must be reversed: perhaps by a mass switch-off on the part of disgusted licence payers, followed by a march to Broadcasting House and if necessary a ritual burning of the Radio Times. BBC planners will have to learn that there are programmes which are bigger than they, programmes of which they are

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Restoring ties with Syria

From Mrs Jillian Becker

Sir, The Foreign Office would have us believe that it is suddenly not only necessary that Britain restore diplomatic relations with Syria, it is also moral. Both the necessity and the morality need to be questioned.

The reason we broke off relations with Syria was that an agent of Syrian intelligence tried to get a bomb on board a plane at Heath-row airport. Both the guilt of the bomber and the fact that he acted under Syrian auspices were fully proved in court. Yet now we are told there is so much doubt about the Syrian connection that we may as well regard it as not having existed

We are also told that Syria - in the words of the foreign secretary - "rejects international terror-ism". It is difficult to understand what this means. Damascus is the headquarters of a number of groups which exist to carry out acts of international terrorism, and they are not merely tolerated but actively supported by President Assad. There is a very long list of terrorist deeds carried out in Western Europe by Syrian-backed

terrorist groups.

To underline the morality of our resuming normal relations with Syria, the Foreign Office contends that, if we do, Syria will try to effect the release of the British hos-tages held in Lebanon. But the hostages are held by groups over which Syria has no influence whatsoever. For instance, the group which holds most of them is Hezbollah, which responds not to the Syrian but the Iranian authori-

Apparently we are to make friends to reward Assad for joining President Bush's international military alliance against Saddam Hussein. But so old, deep and steady is Assad's hatred of Saddam Hussein that Syria is the one Middle Eastern state on which we may safely depend never to come to his aid, but rather to do anything it can, unprompted, unbribed, and with fierce enthusiasm, to bring about his downfall. Yours faithfully, JILLIAN BECKER

(Director, Institute for the Study of Terrorism, 1986-9), 11 Lampard House. 8 Maida Avenue, W2. November 29.

From Sir Richard Dobson

Sir, It was, I suppose, by a macabre coincidence that on the same evening (November 28) we should have been informed by BBC television, first (news) that it, had been decided that we should lomatic, relations with the Syrian government and secondly (Prisoners of Conscience) that that same government continues to arrest, tortuce and imprison indefinitely "thousands" of political dissidents, including family members and friends held to be guilty only by association. Yours faithfully, RICHARD DOBSON, 16 Marchmont Road,

#### Giving to charity From Mr W. K. Duncan

Richmond, Surrey.

November 29.

Sir, The government should be more active in promoting the "give as you earn" scheme for charities (letters, November 28).

The paymaster-general's office pays 1.35 million public service pensioners, many of whom are benefiting this year from indepen-dent taxation, and might be willing to give some of the extra

cash to charity.

If the PMG sent out deduction forms and only 1 per cent responded that would be 13,500 subscribers.

The government introduced "give as you earn". They have a duty to make it work on their own payroll. Yours faithfully,

W. K. DUNCAN, 22 Afton Grove, Dunfemline, Fife, November 28.

#### Cost of food

From Mr John Cann Sir, I am a poultry farmer producing eggs. After reading Mr James Gibson-Watts's letter (November 22) on supermarket and retailer mark-ups I looked at the November 1984 egg prices for sizes 1, 2 and 3 and, comparing these with November 1990 figures, the retail price had risen by 32½p but the producers are receiving 542p less per dozen.

What conclusions can one draw from this? Yours faithfully, JOHN CANN. Mapanjon, Awliscombe,

#### Pimlico passport

Honiton, Devon.

From Councillor Peter Bradley Sir, Shirley Porter's letter (November 28) is economical with the truth to put it mildly. That she should be obliged to quote the Communist party in support of ber arguments illustrates amply the desperation of her logic.

She claims that home ownership represents "the first rung on the ladder to independence and capital assets", but she has no message, nor does Westminster City Council make anything like adequate provision, for those who cannot even reach the ladder.

She says that the council's

mention of those Westminster people who are forced to raise their families in inadequate housing or, worse still, have become homeless as a direct consequence of her politically motivated deple-

tion of the council's housing stock, Nor does she make any reference to those local people who have mortgaged their future and bought under the designated sales scheme simply because it provides the only hope for them to find housing in their own community. The court case which the coun-

Westminster this week was not Letters to the editor should carry a

cil lost against the Duke of

#### The Thatcher years in retrospect surely due some sort of public

recognition in the prime minster's

resignation honours list. He has

borne his role in his wife's shadow

with great good humour. His support may have a lot to do with the dignity with which she was

Sir, Should Oxford University

agree with Mr Humphrey (Nov-

ember 27) and now offer an honorary degree to Mrs Thatcher, I hope that she would reject it with the contempt that it would de-

Yours faithfully, KENNETH STERN (MA, Oxon),

Sir, What I am sure we shall all miss is the welcome presence of a

woman - unfortunately only one

- in the chorus line of male

performers at the international

leaders' conferences. It did seem to balance the thing a bit.

able to bow out.

Yours faithfully,

BERNARD BÜCKLE,

Ingersley, Steephill Road,

Shanklin, Isle of Wight.

From Mr Kenneth Stern

555 Park West, W2.

Yours truly, M. E. D. BIGGS

Farnaby's, Elgin Road, Weybridge, Surrey. November 29.

From Mrs Susan Chambers

Sir, After the political aberrations

of recent days one poignant fact will perhaps be remembered. Mar-

garet Thatcher, Britain's first

woman prime minister, handed

her resignation to the Queen on

November 28, the anniversary of the day in 1919 when Nancy Astor

became Britain's first woman member of parliament.

Yours faithfully, SUSAN CHAMBERS,

I remain, etc., DENNIS MARSHALL-

Ynyfach, Aberporth,

Cardigan, Dyfed. November 27.

school at 16?

Yours faithfully, ANSEL HARRIS

Kilburn College, Priory Park Road,

Kilburn NW6.

(Chairman of Governors),

7 West Ella Way, Kirk Ella, Hull, Humberside.

From Mr D. J. Marshall-Hasdell

Sir, How envious one is of the

tranquil haven of Ambridge. Not a word of debate or even family feud about these great moments of British political history.

minded us, "95 per cent of all

young people remain in full-time education until the age of 19 or

Is it not unfortunate that after

all the efforts of government, the

CBL, the Royal Society of Arts and

and perceptions of further and

higher education, that the person

just selected for the highest office in this country should have left

tences argued to be too severe

suggests that this is not the case.

the home secretary as calling for

consistency in sentencing. The

need for sentences to be consistent

must be equally great across the

board. The parents of a child

paralysed by a car when its driver,

with excess alcohol in his blood,

has driven carelessly, or the

children whose aged parents have

had their home ransacked in a

burglary, are surely as much

entitled to feel that an unduly

lenient sentence on the offender is capable of being increased on

appeal as is a rape or robbery

persuasive lawyer be seen to "get away with it" simply because his

magistrates' court? The govern-

ment should extend the power to

refer "over-lenient" sentences to

higher courts for increase to all

criminal offences.

ANTHONY HEATON-

Garrick Club, Garrick Street, WC2

November 21.

Why should a criminal with a

nces can be tried in the

ARMSTRONG.

In the same edition, you quote

HASDELL.

From Miss M. E. D. Biggs

From Mr Vladimir Simonov

Sir, Ten years ago she was the "Iron Lady" — now the Kremlin and millions of Soviet people sincerely regret her resignation. The striking changes in the Soviet opinion of Margaret Thatcher as a political leader are a good illustration of what is called the new

political thinking. In fact, Thatcher's original por-trait mirrored the USSR's international isolation in the period of

Margaret Thatcher was the first Western leader to believe in Soviet perestroika. After her meeting with Gorbachev in 1984, she appreciated the dimensions of his personality. Mrs Thatcher was the most consistent advocate of the thesis of "Soviet reforms in the interest of the West".

Gorbachev's reforms opened

for us the way to a new Europe which has just voiced its desire to live according to the laws of inter-dependence. The Soviet Union is turning from an outcast into a normal country, one of the 34 builders of the all-European home, and was a signatory to its blueprints in Paris.

Today, disintegration processes and the economic and power crises in the USSR cause apprehensions for the future of our country and its leader.

Ordinary Soviet people are very fond of the former British prime minister. Everything concerning Mrs Thatcher evoked tremendous interest among the Soviet people. "Why don't we ever see our leaders doing normal work?", a Muscovite wrote to a newspaper. She had been impressed by a photo of Margaret Thatcher papering her flat.

If the former mistress of the flat at 10 Downing Street wanted to renovate the interior of her house again, a photographer's presence would be desirable. He could make a nice Christmas card for Thatcher's Soviet fans. Yours faithfully, VLADIMIR SIMONOV,

Novosti, 4 Zubovski Bulvar, Moscow, USSR. November 29.

From Mr Bernard Buckle Sir, The picture (November 27) of Mr Denis Thatcher, head bowed, carrying a suitcase out of No 10 prompts me to suggest that he is

#### On the threshold From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, There has been no dissent from the conclusion reached in the plethora of education and training white papers and reports over the proposition: there is a positive correlation between the low proportion of young people stay-ing in full or part-time education after the age of 16, and the poor performance of our economy compared with that of our competitors.

In Japan, for example, as the 1985 white paper Education and Training for Young People re-

#### Lenient sentences From Mr Anthony Heaton-Armstrong

Sir, The furore that greeted the Melton Mowbray magistrates' court's decision (report, November 21) not to sentence to immediate imprisonment for his twelfth drink-driving offence a man who had also been driving a car taken without the owner's consent at a time when he was under dis-qualification for his 11th drinkdriving conviction, coupled with the inability of the higher courts to do anything about it, illustrate the absurdity of the government's decision to restrict the attorneygeneral's power to refer "overlenient" sentences to the Court of Appeal for an increase to the most serious offences such as rape, robbery and marder which are triable on indictment only in the

CTOWN COURT. Section 36 of the 1988 Criminal Justice Act, which imposes the restriction, presupposes that magistrates are more likely to sentence correctly than judges in the crown court. The high proportion of successful appeals to the crown court against magistrates' sen-

#### Poll tax and the vote From Mr Bernard Metcalf

Sir. It is surprising that Greville Janner, MP, as a QC, should misrepresent the Home Office guidelines on poli tax and the electoral register (November 17). The Home Office circular refers only to those who fail to return their electoral roll registration forms. If such people also fail to register for community charge, they may be deleted from the electoral roll, and why should they

not be? The simple remedy is in their own hands.

Of course the electoral roll is a public document and no doubt the community charge registration officer is as capable of consulting it as anyone else, but it is not true that failure to register for community charge alone may result in loss of right to vote.

Yours. B. W. METCALF, Mill House, Stone Allerton, Axbridge, Somerset. November 21.

about class. It was about the importance of retaining public housing for people on low incomes at a time when homelessness in

London has reached crisis levels. It says a lot about Lady Porter's political priorities that while she is insisting on cuts in home help services to vulnerable people in order to keep Westminster's poll tax down, she is prepared to waste a great deal of public money in a futile attempt to score a cheap political point in the High Court. Yours faithfully,

PETER BRADLEY (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Westminster City Council, PO Box 240

#### Twyford Down reversal sought From the Dean of Winchester

and others

Sir, We write, as individuals and representatives of groups closely involved with Winchester and its surrounding countryside, to express our dismay that the Department of Transport still plans a cutting through Twyford Down.

We do not dispute the need for an M3 link past Winchester. However, instead of the city paying the cost of it environmentally, this cost should be defrayed across the nation through taxation to pay for a less damaging scheme. A tunnel, for example, would be feasible, affordable and

environmentally acceptable. We also strongly oppose the government's proposal to extend the M3 west of Twyford Down on a high-level embankment across the Itchen valley, rising to cross over the railway line. The fine villages of Twyford, Shawford and Compton, which form the setting for the jewel of the city itself, would be the casualties of this scheme; their residents exposed to visual intrusion and noise, which our preferred low-level route including "cut and cover" at Compton - would quite inexpensively avoid. Sixteen hundred signatures were collected in four hours on November 17 in Winchester High Street, on a petition supporting the low-level route,

including a tunnel.
In 1985 Winchester College purchased Twyford Down for a nominal sum from two of its own masters, who had acquired the down to protect it from development. We therefore urge Winchester College to contest its compulsory purchase for such a

devastating scheme. The intervention of the European Commission is currently being sought, pursuant to the environmental impact assessment directive of 1985. However, we would most welcome a change of heart by our government; a change of heart which would respect the five statutory designations of protection for the area and save the cherished countryside which adorus England's ancient capital. Yours faithfully, TREVOR BEESON,

Dean of Winchester, PAMELA PESKETT (Mayor of Winchester), C. M. CORCORAN (Chairman, Twyford Parish Council).

GEO, BECKETT (Chairman, Compton and Shawford Parish Council), MARTIN BIDDLE (President, Twyford Down ssociation), The Deanery,

#### Waxham Great Barn From the Chairman of English

Heritage Sir, Prince Charles's support for the preservation of redundant barns and other farm buildings. particularly in a way which pro-tects their special historic and architectural quality (report, Nov-ember 30) is timely and welcome.

English Heritage has become increasingly concerned about the threat to historic barns from redundancy and consequent neglect by owners. We have committed substantial resources over the last few years, through grants, guidelines and advice to owners and

local authorities, to secure this vital part of our country's landscape. Prince Charles's reported comments that we failed to intervene in the case of Waxham Great Barn are distressing. Together with Norfolk County Council we have for many years been attempting to secure the future of this nationally important barn. Money and pro fessional advice have been offered to the owners, but to no avail.

More recently, English Heritage has provided funds for emergency repairs and for the compulsory purchase of the barn by Norfolk County Council. We have promised around £140,000 towards full repair and we expect work to begin next spring. Yours faithfully,

MONTAGU of BEAULIEU, Chairman, English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, W1.

#### Playing our tune From Mr R. Carne

Sir, The letters from Mr Magrill (November 27) and Mrs Jacobs (November 28) on telephone waiting music reminded me that whilst awaiting a car salesman to discuss delivery of my new car, I realised I was listening to "The Sting". Yours faithfully,

R. CARNE. 71 Hanworth Road.

Hampton, Middlesex. From Mr R. F. Copcutt

Sir, Our medical group practice at Rickmansworth very early on adopted music for telephone callers holding on. But I was more than a little disconcerted by their offering, "Thine be the Glory' hymn chosen both by my wife and me for our funerals.

Yours sincerely, R. F. COPCUTT Lapstones, 27 Little Britain, Waddesdon, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr David Linton Sir. I recently telephoned a firm of contractors to complain. After I had been put on hold, and had listened to "Home on the Range", they firmly denied that they were a bunch of cowboys.



#### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 30: The Queen held a

Council at 9.45 a.m. There were present: the Right Hon. John Major M.P. (Prime Ministry, the Right Hon. John MacGregor M.P. (Lord Presi-dent), the Right Hon. Michael Heseltine M.P., the Right Hon. Kenneth Baker M.P., the Right Hon. Malcolm Rifkind M.P., the Right Hon. Norman Lamont M.P., the Right Hon. David Waddington M.P. and the Right Hon. Christopher

Patten M.P. Mr. Ian Lang M.P. and Mr. Richard Ryder M.P. were sworn in Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy

At the Council the Right Hon. John Major M.P. was sworn First Lord of the Treasury and Minister for the Civil Service and kissed hands on

Waddington M.P. received the Seal of Office of the Lord Privy Seal, took the Oath of Office and kissed hands on appointment. The following received the land and bade farewell on behalf Seals of Office, took the Oath of of Her Majesty.

Office and kissed hands upon appointment the Right Hon. Kenneth Baker M.P. (as Secretary of State for the Home Department), the Right Hon. Ian Lang M.P. (as Secretary of Stae for Scotland), the Right Hon. Michael Heseltine M.P. (as Secretary of State for the Environment), the Right Hon. Malcolm Rifkind M.P. (as Secretary of State for Transport) and the Right Hon. Norman Lamont M.P. (as Chancellor of the Exchequer).

Mr. Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Before the Council the Right

Hon. John MacGregor M.P. had an audience of The Queen. After the Council the Right Hon. Christopher Patten M.P. had an andience of Her Majesty

appointment.

The Queen arrived at 23rd December, 1990.

The godparents chosen by the Huddersfield Railway Station this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieuten-ant for West Yorkshire (the

Lord Ingrow).

Her Majesty subsequently drove to the Headquarters of the

British Amateur Rugby Leagu Association and was received by the Mayor of Kirklees (Councillor T. O'Donovan) and Mr. P. Knight (President of the

Association). Having toured the new Head-quarters. The Queen honoured Mr. Knight with her presence at luncheon and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque to open the Headquarters In the afternoon Her Majes y visited Huddersfield Sporis Centre (Mr. A. Bishop, Man-

The Queen afterwards visited Claremont Retirement Home. escorted by Miss R. Flexney (Service Manager), and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

ager) and unveiled a commemo-

The Lady Elton, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr. Charles Anson and art-Wilson were in attendance. nd kissed hands on prointment.

The Right Hon. David the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was at Heathrow Airport, eal of Office of the Lord Privy london this morning upon the cal, took the Oath of Office and issed hands on appointment.

The Right Hon. David the Lord Reay (Lord in Waiting) was at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of the Governor-General designate of New Zea-

> KENSINGTON PALACE November 30: The Prince of Wales, Patron, Atlantic Salmon Trust attended the Atlantic Salmon Trust/Institute of Fisheries Management/Linnean Society Joint Conference on the strategies for the Rehabilitation of Salmon Rivers, at the Lin-nean Society, Burlington House,

Commander Richard Aylard KENSINGTON PALACE November 30: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened 1-37 Navarino Mansions of the Industrial Dwellings Society (1885) Limited, Dalston Road, London, E8.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

had an audience of Her Majesty and received the Seals of Office of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, took the Oath of by the Bishop of Norwich at Office and kissed hands upon Morning Service on Sunday 1990.

Duke and Duchess of York will be Mr. James Ogilvy, Captain Alastair Ross, Royal Navy, Mrs. Ronald Ferguson, Mrs. Patrick Dodd-Noble and Miss Louise

#### Royal

engagements

TODAY: The Queen will open the Blaydon Bridge and Via-duct, Tyne and Wear, at 11; and will launch the Royal Research Ship James Clark Ross at the Swan Hunter Shipyard,

Wallsend, at 1.20. TOMORROW: Princess Margaret will attend a gala perfor-mance at Sadier's Wells Theatre

#### Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Woody Allen, actor and director, 55; Mr Gordon Crosse, composer, 53; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 50; Miss Eva Evdokimova, prima ballerina assoluta, 42; Lord Glenconner, 64; Dame Akcia

43: Lord Roll of Insden. 83: Mr G.D. Squibb, QC, Norfolk Herald Extraordinary, 84; Mr Lee Trevino, golfer, 51; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 56.

TOMORROW: The Earl of

Arundel and Surrey, 34; Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC. 77; Sir Frederic Bennett, former MP., 72; the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 59; Mr Tony Coe, chief contents, Sufferly 40; chief constable, Suffolk, 49; Professor Sir Alan Cook, masat 6.50 to mark the 80th ter, Selwyn College, Cambridge, birthday of Dame Alicia Mar-68; Sir Frank Cooper, civil kova and in aid of the Dance servant and company chairman, Teachers Benevolent Fund. The 68; Sir David Davies, former Agency, 81; Sir Walter Edmenson, shipowner, 98; Mr lan Finlay, former director, Royal Scottish Museum, 84; Sir Paul Grey, diplomat, 82; General Alexander Haig, former American Secretary of State, 66; Air Chief Mantal Sir Beter Gordon Crosse, composer, 53; American Secretary of State, 66; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 50; Miss Eva Evdokimova, prima ballerina assoluta, 42; Lord Glenconner, 64; Dame Alicia chairman, Weish Development Markova, prima ballerina assoluta, 80; Mr Keith Michell, actor, 62; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 45; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 71; Mr Stephen Poliakoff, playwright, 38; Mr Richard Pryor, actor, 50; Mussing, 80; Sir Evelyn Russell, Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 66; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 77; Mr Stephen Poliakoff, playwright, 38; Mr Richard Pryor, actor, 50; Mussing, 80; Sir Evelyn Russell, Major-General Sir Desmond former chief metropolitan stipendidelsdell, civil servant, 77; Williams, paediatrician, 97; Vismr Andy Ripley, rugby player, count Wimborne, 51.

#### Study sheds new light on megalith builders

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

MEGALITHS, the great stone stock and cereal farmers with period.

mesolithic peoples, suggesting that megalithic architecture is a response to the impact of the first farmers on fishing and gathering peoples along the their adoption was in areas coastal fringes of northern "already fairly densely occucoastal fringes of northern Епгоре.

Dr Andrew Sherratt of Oxford university has divided the development of megalithic burial monuments into two tern", he says. periods, the earlier of which, between 4500 and 3500 BC, he discusses in the current issue of World Archaeology. At this period the great stone circles thing to the longhouses of the such as Avebury and Stone early farmers' villages, thus henge were not yet con the first tombs were long structed, and Dr Sherratt mounds over a timber or places these in a "neo-mega- stone chamber buried forever, lithic" period ending as late as while the mesolithic deriva-2000 BC.

He says that as early farming villages spread north and ing access, and thus reuse. west from the Mediterranean Source: World Archaeolinto France, the British Isles, ogy 22: 147-167. and southern Scandinavia, substantial villages and monumental funerary architecture have a mutually exclusive distribution. In areas where early settlements were instead dispersed, "the element of permanence seems to have been provided by monumental tombs and

enclosures". Such monuments were made necessary, he believes, by the social reorganisation that turned hunting and forag-

monuments of which Stone- an investment in land and henge and Avebury are Britain's best-known examples, have long been associated stable society with co-operation reinforced by family ties. communities of the neolithic The megalithic tombs were "the ritual mark of common However, a new theory descent, the surrogate for the links them to the indigenous living village." Dr Sherratt

> Such tombs often served many generations of a family, but the interesting thing is that pied by mesolithic groups who adopted neolithic horticulture but did not take over the village-based settlement pat-

The tombs were "hollow houses of the dead", as an earlier author described them, and their form owes sometion from them was a stone chamber with a passage allow-

#### Christening

yesterday at the Black Horse Hotel, Clymping, West Sussex. Mr Rounie Politeyan, branch The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs David Vaughan was chrischairman, presided. tened Katharine Aurora Mohun-Harris by the Rev Canon Joseph Robinson at the Temple Church, The Temple, London, EC4, on Sunday, November 25, 1990. The goddiscovered a forgotten Roman settlement in Gloucestershire. Norman Webley, of Littledean, has identified a Roman indusparents are The Hon Antony Lewis (for whom the Rev William Pryor stood proxy), Mr Jonathan Harris, Mr Aidan Irwin, Mrs Julian Cazalet, Mrs Nicholas Pearson and Mrs Wil-liam Shand. trial complex at least a quarter of a mile long on the outskirts of Gloucester. Eight smelting plants are thought to have cristed in the area.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### PROFESSOR TIM McELWAIN

Professor Timothy John McElwain, cancer physician, died suddenly in London on November 26, aged 53. He was born in New Zealand on April 22, 1937.

TIM McElwain was a major international figure in cancer research as well as one of the foremost specialists on the subject in Britain. His breadth of knowledge in his field was unrivalled, spanning both adult and childhood cancers. In the early 1970s cancer medicine was a Cinderella speciality and in the process of inventing itself, as he would have put it. Its leading figure at the time was Gordon Hamilton-Fairley, with whom he trained. When Hamilton-Fairley was killed, McElwain. took over the leadership in the field and more than anyone built up the speciality throughout the United Kingdom. Some years ago he was a founder member of the Association of Cancer Physicians and was the inevitable choice as its first chairman.

Mac, to all his friends and colleagues, was educated in Australia and in London. His medical training was at Bart's, the Royal Posteraduate Medical School and the Great Ormand Street Hospital for Sick Children, and in 1972 he was appointed consultant at the Royal Marsden Hospital, where he was to establish his reputation. Later at the Royal Marsden and the associated Institute of Cancer Research he was appointed Cancer Research Campaign professor of medical oncology. There he built up a large and effective

section of medicine almost from scratch. His own range of research interests was wide. In his early years he was at the forefront of developments in chemo-therapy that led to dramatic improvements in cure for Hodgkin's disease, testicular cancers and cancers of childhood. At a time when chemotherapy for Hodgkin's disease was often more unpleasant than the disease itself, he developed a new low toxicity outpatient treatment which has now become a standard was appointed a member of therapy. He pioneered the use the Medical Research Council of high dose chemotherapy and he was also a senior with bone marrow rescue to member of BACUP, a help

P N Campbell. Among those

Receptions

the registration scheme of the Farriers' Company and the 15th

anniversary of the Farriers Registration Council Mr Timo-

thy Neligan, master of the company, and Mr Denis Oliver,

chairman of the council, re-ceived the guests. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress,

accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were among those

European League for Economi

Money-Coutts yesterday at Coutts & Co, The Strand, for the

British section of the European League for Economic Co-

Primrose League Sir John Langford-Holt, Nat-

ional Chancellor of the Prim-rose League, accompanied by Lady Langford-Holt, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the West Sussex branch held

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major impact in the treatment of myeloma, the commonest cancer of the blood, and is being widely investigated

throughout the world against

other cancers. In addition to his clinical work, he was a member of numerous national and international bodies associated with cancer research and sat on the editorial board of several specialist journals. His skills as a committee man made him much in demand. Two in particular illustrate his range of interests. Recently he try to achieve more effective and information group for cancer treatment. This be- both patients with cancer and their relatives. came a great challenge for

Mac was a big man in every At first results were dis-appointing McElwain said he ral leader and one with im-had developed a treatment mense presence. When he looking for a disease. But he entered a room people no-showed his strength of pur-ticed; when he spoke they pose by carrying on where listened. Even in his student others might have become days at Bart's it was not discouraged. Today high dose unknown for him to be mischemotherapy has made a taken for a consultant. With

his strong personality he combined the qualities of common sense and clarity of thought. In conversation and in writing he was fluent, succinct and with a devastating turn of phrase when required. This could well have been a reflection of his father who was a journalist.

This articulacy contributed to his qualities as a teacher. He loved teaching and he trained and inspired a generation of young cancer physicians throughout the UK and the Commonwealth. He taught knowledgeably, enthusiastic-ally and most of all he taught by example. As a bedside doctor he was simply the best, honest, compassionate and touchingly gentle. To a new junior doctor he could be a formidable figure at first; he set high standards and when he came across inefficiency he could be quick to flare, with spectacular effect. But he was equally quick to forgive, and for all his stature he was the most approachable of men.

when all around were grey. But behind this larger than life personality was a sensitive

equals with respect and in-

formality. He was interested

remembered them. This ex-

plains the extraordinary affec-

Socially he was expansive

and generous, witty and wonderfully entertaining. One

of his (true) stories began "the

first time I was in a plane

crash". An evening wining

and diming with Mac could be

a memorable event, and he

took particular pride in spark-

ling the following morning

knew everyone.

man, striving perhaps sometimes too hard to sustain the highest standards he set for bimself. To the Marsden and the Institute of Cancer Research his death marks the end of an era. He is survived by his wife

senior of his colleagues were Glennis and his parents.

#### FENG YULAN

Feng Yulan, Chinese philos-opher, died on November 26 him as a uscless relic, fit only

FENG Yulan was one of the last surviving members of the assertion, often quoting Mao's Chinese generation which, own writing in his support. while fully grounded in their and no less skilfully picking own culture, were scarcely less arguments from Marx that at home in the newly studied seemed to refute his critics. West

among the progressive yourhis attempt to link Chinese thought of the past to the era. In the West his name (which was sometimes spelled as Fung Yu-lan) was established with the publication of osophical position, he was his authoritative two-volume willing to meet communist study, A History of Chinese demands in practical matters: Philosophy, a new paperback as professor of philosophy at edition of which was published in 1984.

Born in 1899 in Henan province, Feng studied in two Chinese universities, Kaifeng and Chinghua, and then did post-graduate work at Columthe second world war and in "Gang of Four". Evidently doing so helped to reverse the this told on him. By the end of beyond revival.

his generation who had de- her team. His humble confesspaired of the false dawn of sion and new-found enthu-revolution after 1911, and siasm could have been were then disappointed by the through frailty and despair or, Communist success in 1949, ited the West not long Indeed, he seemed almost too afterwards. ready to tender to the new zesars the temporal authority they comprehensively as to attack Deng Xiaoping, serted. Essays in self-criticism following the mass demonand confessions of past error strations in Peking in April, time, however, it became downfall for the second time. apparent that these were by no In 1982 Feng returned to in them all, he loved to talk with them over a beer, and he means pleas of abject abaseconsistent and skilful defence tion so many young doctors had for such a senior figure. Everyone knew Mac, and Mac defence alerted militant past."

aged 90. He was born on for the historical dustbin. But December 4, 1899. Feng held his ground with great subtlety of argument. using innuendo and oblique

At all events, he remained He acquired a reputation through the 1950s in good status and was allowed to ger generation of the 1920s for attend international cultural gatherings in Geneva and Venice until the anti-rightist intellectual uncertainty of that campaign of 1958 threw a new blanket of disapproval over

China's intellectuals. While maintaining his philbers of his faculty in spells in the countryside to "learn from

the peasants." He did not escape maltreatment during the Cultural Revolution, when many of his bia university. He lectured in early opponents rose to high America and Britain before position with the ascent of the then current view of China as 1973 he began to publish an ancient civilisation with a articles abandoning his preglorious past that had sunk vious detachment and supporting the extreme views asso-Like many intellectuals of ciated with Jiang Quing and devitalized conservatism and more likely, from duress of corruption of the Kuomin- some kind, according to a tang, Feng welcomed the Chinese intellectual who vis-

At all events his "conversion" went far enough for him to attack Deng Xiaoping. poured from his pen. After a 1976, which led to Deng's in 1982 Feng returned to Columbia university, where ment; always they sustained a he had received a PhD in 1923, to receive an honorary of old Chinese traditions that doctorship of letters. In his needed to be honoured along address he said: "The present with the new doctrines. Such a should embrace all of the

#### **EUGENE ROSENBERG**

Sir Norman Reid writes:

TO SAY that Eugene Rosenberg (Obituary, November 22) understand the bo was "a total invalid" during published in 1991. the last years of his life is perhaps misleading. During Richard Cork adds: his retirement Rosenberg colarchitecture in Great Britain and over the past five years in spite of serious handicans -

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weeks before his death and I

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lected an impressive archive A TRANSMISSION error of material on post-war art in made the words of the second paragraph of my tribute (November 28) read like my own. They were those of he was able to put together Eugene Rosenberg's close material for a publication in friend, the sculptor F. E. which I have had some McWilliam.

#### Church services tomorrow

The most junior and most

Dr Rosalind Venetia Pitt-Rivers A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Rosalind Venetia Pitt-Rivers, FRS, was held yesterday in the University Church of Advent Sunday CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.50 S Euch: 9.50 M: 11 S Ench & Welcone of His Bealthude Partherios. Patrierto of Alexandria. Protect O Lord and The Creat Domology (Tayeber). Canterbury Mess (Moore): 5.15 Sedvent Card Service: 6.30 Sedvent Card Sedvent Card Service: 6.30 Sedvent Card Sedve Christ the King, London, WC1. The Rev Andrew Pavlibeyi, Chaplain to University College London, officiated. The address was given by Professor N A Mitchison, and the readers were Dr Mary Whitear and Professor Salismarez.
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Passe Marcelli (Palestrina), Canon J
Toy; 11.30 M, Responses (Byrd),
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Procession. P N Campbell. Among those present were:

Mr and Mrs G A PRI-Rivers com and desophier-in-law). Mrs Judiet Danket (sisjer). Dr D H Roberts (prevost. University College London). Sir Richard Sayfies, Mrs D M Coolson, Sir John and Lady Cornicorth. Dr P M D'Arcy Hart and Dr Rudi D'Arcy Hart. Professor I Danisch. Sir Raymond and Lady Hollenberg. Mrs Anne Lacy. Professor A M McGregor. Dr and Mrs Howard Nicholson. Professor I M Rott. Rev R E and Mrs Seroculd. Lady Sonnes. Mr and Mrs Serovid. Mrs Mrs Major-deneral I H Balsor (secretary of the college). Procession.

FT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC:
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fat (Standson), Very Rey S. Evans;
11.30 HC, Misss to E minor Gyndcner', Hostania to the Son of David
(Gibbons); 3.15 E. Responses
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Catenal, The First Service (Moore),
Catenal, The Son of Chandle, Rey J
Hattiburion; 6.30 Advent Carol Service. Cantle Tuba in Size (Handi), Rev J. Halliburian; 6.30 Advent Carol Service.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC. 10 M. Responses (Tomidred), Benedicile in A. Responses (Tomidred), Rev N. Worn; 6.30 Advent Carol Service, Westminster (Victoria), Rev N. Worn; 6.30 Advent Carol Service, Westminster (Arthedrall, 7. 8. Colo SMA Aspenses me (Plaineand), Caroline (Sach), 12. 6.30, 7: 2.30 Ornan Rectal, Iam Sinicock: 3.30 V & B. Magnifica octavi ben (Plaineand), St. Georges Carolineand, Scholineand, Iam Sinicock: 3.30 V & B. Magnifica octavi ben (Plaineand), St. Georges Carolineand, Scholineand, St. Georges Carolineand, Scholineand, P. M. John A. Response (Plaineand), St. Georges Carolineand, Scholineand, P. M. John A. Response (Plaineand), St. Georges Carolineand, Scholineand, P. M. John A. Response (Plaineand), P. M. John M. Response (Plainean Royal Society
Sir Michael Atiyah, President of
the Royal Society, was host at
the annual anniversary reception for officers and fellows of
the society held last night at 6
Carlton House Terrace. Farriers' Company and Farriers
Registration Council
Mr Michael Mates, MP, was
host at a reception held yesterday at the House of Commons to mark the centenary of
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Sir Leon Brittan, QC, VicePresident of the Commission of
the European Communities,
was the guest speaker at a
luncheo given by Mr David GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC. LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP. Redoke in the Lord Canon). Rev F V A Boyse. Reloice in the Lord Omein), Rev F V A Boyse. TOWER OF LONDON, ECS: 9.16 HC; 11 M. Responses (Montey), Benedictus Byrdl, Doctor Bonus (Victoria), Fr R Gould. Could.
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Chaplain; 3.30 Advent Carol Service.
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(Palestrina), Hosanna to the Son of
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6 E & B. The Short Service (Globons),
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(Globons), Rev Dr J A Callen,
ALL SOLUS, Langham Place, Wi; 11
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Thomson. Thomson.
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HOLY TRINITY. Bromston Road.
SW7: 10.30 Family Service & HC.
Rev J A K Miller: 6.30 Informal
Service. Rev N G P Gumbel.
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Road, SW7: 8.30 HC 11 HC, Rev Dr
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ST JAMES'S. Sussex Gardens. W2: 8
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Humphreys
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A service of thanksgiving for the fife of Patrick (Paddy) Donald will be held at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tetbury, on Tuesday, December 18, 1990, at 3,30 pm.

#### Forthcoming marriages

and Miss S.B.R. Burney The engagement is announced between Derek, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Anderson, of Kincardine, Fife, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Burney, of Buxton and

Skye. Mr A.D.T. Bambridge and Miss L.C. Jolly and Miss L.C. Jolly
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bainbridge, of Piercebridge, Co Durham, and Louise, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel David Jolly (reid) and Mrs Jolly, of Chitterne, Wiltshire.

Mr G.N. Fifield the engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.H.Q. Fifield, Chalford, Gloucestershire, and Georgina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs G.C. Farran, 38

Braemor Park, Dublin 14. Mr N.C. Issae and Ms F.M. Hedgeock
The marriage will take place
next June between Neil, son of
Colonel and Mrs C.J. Isaac, of Torquay, Devon, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Hedgeock, of London, SW14.

Mr B. Lamplough and Miss C.A.L. Gault-Blythe The engagement is announced between Brett, only son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Lamplough, of

Camberley, Surrey, and Claire Andrée Lycett, only daughter of the late Mr Jacques-René Gault and of Mrs Brenda Lycett Gault

Service dinners

RAF Chaplains Branch
The Moderator of the General
Assembly of the Church of
Scotland and Mrs Davidson were entertained at dinner last night at the RAF Club to mark the Moderator's visit to the United Kingdom units of the Royal Air Force. The Rev R.R. Brown, Principal Chaplain (Church of Scotland and Free Churches) and Mrs Brown re-ceived the guests. Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Parry-Evans were among those

RAF Rheindahlen Wing Commander D.J. Reason, Station Commander of RAF Rheindahlen, attended a ladies guest night held last night at HQ RAF Germany. Wing Com-mander R.C. Knowles presided and Group Captain and Mrs R.W. Bryden were the guests of thonour

Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities Air Squadron Squadron Leader R. Bouch, Officer Commanding, Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities Air Squadron, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Glasgow Trades Hall, Air Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, RAF Support Command, was

Dr J.R. Mashey and Dr A.M. Hey The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr Fred W. Mashey, of Wexford, Pennslyvania, and the late Mrs Anne B. Mashey, and Angela, eldest daughter of Mrs Kathleen

M.A. Hey, of Menston, Ilkley, and the late Mr G. Brian Hey. Dr B.J. Miller and Miss H.R. Barasley The engagement is announced between Brian James, son of Mr and Mrs J. Millar, of Dundec, Tayside, and Helen Ruth, elder daughter of Professor and Mrs D.G. Barnsley, of Oadby,

Mr G.A.E. Morris and Miss K. Heldring The engagement is announced between Guy Morris, of Christ Church, Oxford, only son of Mr and Mrs E.P. Morris, of Chesham Bois, Buckingham-shire, and Katarina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Heldring, of Gallivare, Sweden.

Mr M.L. Okondo and Miss J.C. Bryans The engagement is announced between Mudimo, son of the Hon Peter Habenga Okondo, MP, and Mrs Okondo, of Windy Ridge, Nairobi, Kenya, and Jane, daughter of Canon and Mrs Christopher Bryant, of The Rectory, Devizes, Witshire.

Mr D.T.M. Wilson Mr D.1.M. Wilson and Miss C.A. Laws
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs D. Wilson, of Nazeing, Essex, and Claire Amands, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Laws, of Engletield Green, Surrey.

**Dinners** 

Association of MBAs on Thursday evening at the ironmongers' Hall, Barbican. for their Annual General Meeting and annual dinner. David oravells, chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Dr Umberto Agnelli, Presidente of FIAT, who addressed 170 members and their guests. British Hand Knitting

Confederation Mr Peter Kassapian presided at the first dinner of The British Hand Knitting Confederation for members at the Bradford Club last night. Mrs Pauline Barnes was guest of honour.

International Law Association Sir Gordon Slynn, Chairman of the Executive Council of the International Law Association. presided at a dinner held last night at the Garrick Club. Professor Cecil J. Olmstead, a patron, and Sir Laurence Street, president, were among those

Old Abingdonian Sixties Club Sir George Sinclair presided at a dinner of the Old Abingdonian Sixties Club held last night at Jesus College, Cambridge, to mark Sir James Cobban's 80th birthday (September 14). Dr Eric Anderson also spoke.

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The Council and the Secretariat of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) regret to announce the death of

Sir Frank E. Figgures, K.C.B. C.M.G. (1910 - 1990) Secretary-General of EFTA from 1960 to 1965

The Association remembers with gratitude the outstanding services of its first Secretary-General during EFTA's founding years and his active contribution to the cause of European integration.

The funeral service will be held at St » Andrew's Church, Glaston, Rutland (England) on 4 December at 2.p.m.

Geneva, 29 November 1990 9-11, Rue de Varembe Ambassador William Rossier, Chairman of the EFTA Council Georg Reisch Secretary-General

ON THIS DAY

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The death of the composer Giacomo Puccini is a loss to the art of music. and it is one which will be most deeply felt outside the ranks of the professed musicians. He may not be assured of a place among the greatest of the world's artists — indeed, his work may hardly be entitled to the standard of what has given the greatest pleasure to the greatest number, then Puccini not only stands foremost among the operatic composers of his generation, but at the preent time at any rate he is on a level with those of any age. During the past 30 years the opera houses of Europe and America have relied on him for their sustenance more than upon any other living composer and quite as much as upon any one of the past. At the beginning of his career he appeared to be one of a group then often described as "Young Italy," in which other names were as prominent as his own. He outstripped them all in the series of operes which ranged from Manon Lescaut to Madame Butterfly, and included La

produced from him something really

names of Melba and Caruso are indissolubly joined with his; they were, indeed, largely concerned in the

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loved sister, aunt and greetaunt. Cremation at Putney
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SQUARTE - On November 29th, Hugh Arnold, peacefully at home. Funeral December 4th at 1.30 pm at Penny Cosmoton. Family Rowers only, donations if wished to Southam & District Nurses Clinic c/o J & M Hospitric, Albert Street. Banktry, OX16 8DG.

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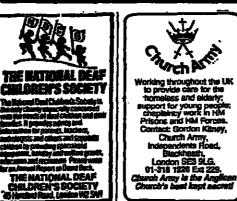
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1924 turesque musical terms, the power to write living malody and arresting orchestration; and practically all of them showed that sense of the stage which is the hirthright of musical Italians. But out of the many works produced they achieved one or two apiece which have gained a perma-nent hold on the affections of the great public, while Puccini, as long as he was able to find the libretto he wanted, marched forward steadily from one success to another. For while his music had personal qualities by which he is always known, he shared with the great opera compos-ers the power of immersing himself in his subject-matter so completely that each score took shape and colour from the dramatic situations, and practically each work, therefore,

In recent years he appears to have had difficulty in finding the play which would call out this power, and that difficulty accounts for one or two failures. But we do not forget the caustic wit of Gianni Schiechi, or the fact that even now at the time of his death a production at the Scala of a new work by him is eagerly awaited.

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# Shedding light on a hive of industry



Getting the buzz: Anne Renfrew and samples of her beeswax candles

KEEPING two and a quarter million bees means pots of honey; it can also mean getting left with too much beeswax. Anne Renfrew, a farmer's wife, started making beeswax candles and blocks of beeswax for other uses, in addition to honey, after discovering that bees can produce 1lb of wax for every 10lb-20lb of

Most beekeepers return wax to the bees to build up their combs. but only 25 per cent of the wax is needed for this process.

Because she is allergic to stings, Mrs Renfrew leaves the beekeeping proper to be done at a safe distance on their 475 acre Warwickshire farm by her husband, Richard, who studied beekeeping during his course at an agricultural college in the Sixties.

The Renfrews lost their first stock of bees during a severe winter but decided to replace them on a larger scale to pollinate their fields of beans and rape.

The couple teamed up with neighbours and fellow beekeeping enthusiasts to form a co-operative, marketing honey and beeswax products. Seeing the light in candle-making, however, takes time. "As with any craft project there was a great deal of trial and error," Mrs Renfrew says. She was baffled by the first candle moulds they tried which had an implacable thirst for liquid wax. The problem lay in leakage through the wick hole at the bottom of the mould. Now, once the wicks have been threaded through, a form of Plasticine plug, plus a clamp, provides the solution. Another problem was ensuring that the

wicks remained upright. Beeswax is scraped from the combs at the same time the honey is taken from the bees, who are now receiving a winter substitute feed of syrup made from sugar. After washing the wax, best done in rainwater or icewater, melting is the next step. No special equip-ment is required but the job has to be done slowly, and regular straining is essential, a labour-intensive

process lasting several days.
"Beeswax has the highest melt-

melting at between 144F and 148F," Mrs Renfrew says. Constant skimming and straining is necessary because of the inevitable detritus of bees' legs and wings. The beeswax is then poured into

moulds and cooled in water baths. The group is now producing hand-carved moulds in the shape of old-fashioned spiral bee skeps. Other candle moulds are in traditional shapes. The largest candle is 6in high, 2in in diameter, and sells for £5.

Candles in fragile barley sugar twist shapes have to be removed from the moulds with great care. Breakages are consigned to the melting pot.

Final colour variations in mellowed honey tones depend on how many times the wax is reheated and strained. The lighter the colour, the purer the wax tends to be. Wax used from different bees can vary in colour. The bees on the Renfrews' farm are the potentially more aggressive Italian hybrids - good workers - and the Colour variations can also arise from the repeated recycling by bees of the wax.

Some people ask what other colours we make our candles in, but I explain the point of keeping the natural colours," Mrs Renfrew says. "The end result is something essentially pure and wholesome.

"Beeswax candles give the purest light and are long lasting," she adds. "We don't want our candles looking like those made from paraffin wax. The natural beeswax also gives off a delicious smell."

Bars of beeswax are also available to use, for example, on drawer runners to prevent sticking. Needles and thread can be run through tablets of wax to prevent knotting, and the anti-tangle quality of beeswax has also been used on fishing lines. Lacemakers kept their pins in beeswax to prevent rusting, and it will also fill cracks in antique furniture. Combined with turpentine, beeswax makes the best furniture polish.

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# Run on the land bank

A specialist building society is helping

to rejuvenate a wilderness in

the high

Pennines, reports Lynne Greenwood

The tourist posters describe the high Pennines as "En-gland's last wilderness". Those who live there want to keep it that way. In the villages on Alston Moor, the bleak but beautiful high ground between the Lake District and the North Yorkshire Moors, even crumbling houses are in demand.

The locals claim it must be the last place in England where house prices are still rising. Even "incomers" in the village of Nenthead, with a population of just over 300, are quick to point to a £48,500 price tag on a semiderelict house. Three years ago, it would have been £10,000 at the most," they say.

Not many houses like this remain unsold. Most are surrounded by scaffolding as people take on the task of renovating them. One builder is busy on six new homes, the first in Nenthead for many years, convinced there is a waiting list for the chance to live in rural England.

In the villages around Alston, the highest market town in Eng-land and once a thriving lead mining community, the climate is harsh. Although described as central - almost half-way between Carlisle and Newcastle upon Tyne - it bears no resemblance to the accepted meaning of the estate agents' phrase of "within easy commuting distance". When it snows on Alston Moor, commun-

Many who have chosen this area have done so with the help of the Ecology Building Society, which, as its name suggests, applies special criteria before offering mortages. Bob Lowman, the general manager, says: "I like to say that we lend money only on properties which will save money, conserve resources or preserve

ased in Keighley, West Yorkshire, the society claims a number of patrons in Parliament and one in the House of Lords. "People see us as the green alternative and our investors include a wide range of people," he says. "Only this week an investor opened an account with £70,000." On the society's new video, its

first big step into promotions, Shelagh Fawcett, an incomer, credits the Ecology with helping to rejuvenate Nenthead. The buildg society has played a significant part in halting the decline of village," she says.

Mr Lowman admits that when he first heard that it brought a lump to his throat. "It means what we set out to do is actually working," he says. Ms Fawcett adds: "They have helped people to move into the area who otherwise could not have found the money to renovate some of the semi-

derelict properties." She believes this in turn has helped to keep open the 32-pupil Nenthead primary school, which stands at 1,450ft, and given the sub-post office ammunition in its

fight to stay open.

Ms Fawcett moved to Nenthead nearly seven years ago when she bought two back-to-back cottages which had stood empty for seven years. "They were just shells, with a roof which had to be replaced," she says. "There was no electricity and no water."

She and her partner, Terry Connor, could afford the £3,000 to buy the property, but needed a mortgage to begin to make the place habitable. "The high street building societies didn't want to



know," she says. "Before they would lend anything we would have had to put in the mains services, and at least make a kitchen and bathroom. But we needed the money to do that."

The Ecology Building Society,

which is preparing to celebrate its tenth anniversary next year, responded immediately. Ms Fawcett's five-year-old son, Rory, is a pupil at Nenthead school, which was threatened with closure two years ago under a Cumbria county council plan to reorganise secondary education. Her younger daughter, Bridie, will join him

Peter Lanham, the headmaster, whose four children have attended the school in his 14 years in Nenthead, was grateful to the parents who organised a wellpaign to keep the school open, and avoid children having a five-mile bus journey to Alston. He admits the school is the one place in the village where the locals and the incomers, not always welcomed openly by those born and bred in Alston Moor, mix freely.

He says the school is developing a cosmopolitan population, as new people move in. "Historically, the village was an industrial mining community and still re-tains a flavour of those times." He believes the village also displays a strong sense of concern for other

One of the first people on Alston Moor to spread the Ecology word was Sue Warwick, who noticed the society's original offices above a flower shop, as she sat outside in a traffic jam while working as a bus

driver in Yorkshire. Years later, when she founded the Green Ark company, which makes wholefood animal feeds, with Jane Liddell, her partner, she turned to the Ecology for help. The company headquarters, and their home, are in a converted farm-

house down an unmade track tude to preserving these buildings beyond Alston Moor golf club. "I remember a bank manager from Cartisle coming out to look

at the property when we applied for a loan," Ms Liddell says. "He said our business plan was not convincing; too risky for the bank. We wanted to increase our mortgage on the building to put more money into the business, which we saw as being ethical and green. The Ecology agreed to lend us the money immediately."

ow Green Ark's pet food is to be sold nationally under licence and will be available in super-

markets early next year.

Green Ark deliberately supports local services, employing local people when the work load demands and sending almost half a ton of materials though the local post office, rather than using an outside carrier.

Pat Muir, a former teacher from Newcastle upon Tyne, moved to a cottage at Nenthead with the help of the Ecology. Now she is busy selling and planting trees and clearing forests to earn a living Without the long-term financial help of the Ecology, she says she would not have survived on Alston Moor.
"I needed to do a lot of

rebuilding, and the Ecology's atti-

made it possible for me to do a great deal of the work myself, in my own time, calling on local builders to help when I needed them."She insulated the floor of her cottage herself, with a layer of old bottles and tin cans.

Ms Muir lives alone, and admits life is not always easy at 1,500ft. "Not everything will grow here, so I have to work by trial and error to discover which tree seedlings survive best."

Richard Berry, aged 23, an oil company area manager based in Oxford, had no problem acquiring a conventional mortgage for the former chapel in Neuthead he is renovating in his spare time. He plans to move in when he gets married next year. "We wanted a characterful property, traditional housing and a traditional village says Mr plans to rename the property 'Heaven's Gate".

As if to prove his aspirations are far from unique, he points to the man living three doors away. "We were good friends at school in Gloucestershire, and parted when we went to different universities," he says. "Soon after I started working on the house, I saw him walk past the door. I couldn't believe it. He moved here a short time ago for the same reasons we did." **Breeding** 

#### **Kicking** the mule myth



A MULE could win the Grand National, given the chance, says Lorraine Travis, the founder of the British Mule Society. "They are excellent jumpers."

The sure-footed animals also have many lesser known attributes: for its size, a mule is 25 per cent stronger than a horse and shows more stamina, despite being the butt of jokes about stubbornness. A mule can be either a cross between a male donkey (jack) and a female horse, or a stallion and a female donkey (jenny), the result being a hinny. Male mules are infertile.

They originated in the Middle East and are best bred from goodsized donkeys and small horses. They are in their element where the going is rough and the climate tough, and can survive for long periods without food or water.

Mrs Travis, who owns four mules, founded the British Mule Society in 1978 after acquiring her first mule and failing to find the information about them she required. Now she has written a book about them and, as a result, more people are applying to join the society's 200 members.

A stoic in battle, the mule boasts an impressive pedigree. Buffalo Bill rode one called Mouse, which could out-trot the United States cavalry horses; Alexander the Great's generals rode them; Wellington soldiered with 10,000 of them in the Peninsular War and they were used as an ambulance service in the Crimean War. However mules may stagger

under enormous loads, they are never worksby, Mrs Travis says. If a mule stops and refuses to go on it's because the way ahead is unsafe. They have an enormous sense of self-preservation."

Mules are much sought after, particularly for carriage driving. Mrs Travis uses the mules on her farm in Derbyshire to help with the haymaking. They also take part in gymkhanas

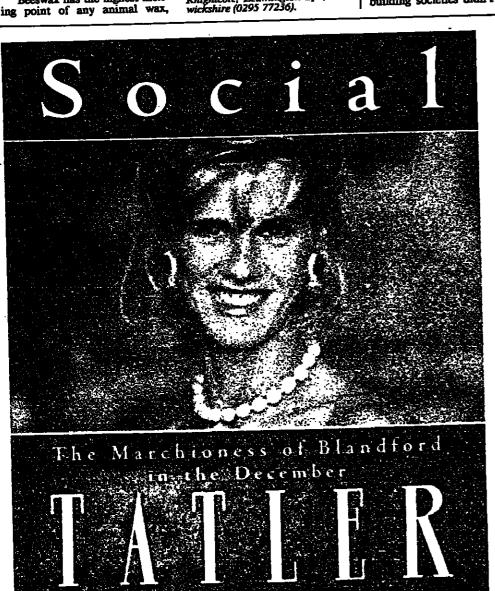
The animals can cost the same as a horse to buy, starting at about £900. They are hardy, seldom ill and much cheaper to keep than horses. "They don't need stabling and many do not like cover and will only go inside to eat. Unlike horses they do not need hay or special food."

However, mules may require tethering when they feel an urge for freedom as, Mrs I ravis "they can go over, under, round or through anything you can devise to stop them. Kicking is a mule's initial form of defence, but you can be sure that if a mule kicks out at you and just misses, then it meant to miss."

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● Lorraine Travis, British Mule Society, Hope Mount Farm, Alston-field, Derbyshire DE6 2FR (0335 27353). Her book, The Mule, is published by J.A. Allen (£10.95).



#### Country Events

Peat Weekend: Cutz, displays, videos, information, children's workshops. Widfowl and Wattands Trust, Arundal, West Sussex (0903 863355). Today, tomorrow 9.30am-5om, last entry 4pm, £2.70, child from 90p.

chestnuts. Today only, a nativity play.
Chiltern Open-Air Museum,
Newland Park, near Chalfont
St Giles, Buckinghamshire
(02407 71117). Today,

tomorrow 11am-5pm. e Marwells Winter Wonderland: Christmas grottos, presents for every child, mulied wine and mince pies, carol singers, handbell ringers, Morris dancers. Marwell Zoological Park, Colden Common, near Winchester, Hampshire (0962 74407). Today, tomorrow and

wine and mince pies included.

Ilidey antiques fair: Mainly pre-1890 datelines. King's Hall and Winter Gardens, William Manager Feld & Brown

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Peat Weekend: Quiz,

 Victorian Christmas weekend: Exhibition, carols, handbell ringers, Father Christmas, mulled wine, roast

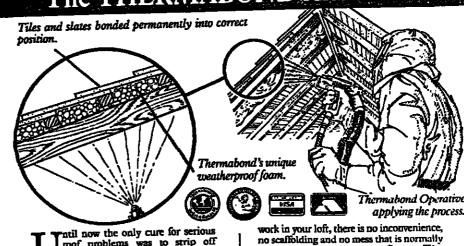
every weekend until Christmas, 10am-5pm, 24.75 (pre-booking essential). NEXT WEEK

 Fountains concerts: Christmas scene at the historic abbey; mulled Fountains Abbey, Rippon, Yorkshire (0765 86333). Wed, Thurs, 7.30pm, £6 bookable.

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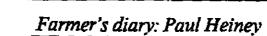
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# A mess is as good as a meal

CAN pigs swim? There is a general belief that they can't, because in the act of paddling the sharpness of their front trotters would slit their throats. This may be bogus folklore or true, but if the rain does not stop soon I may be able to answer from experience.

The torrential soakings of recent days have turned the field where the pigs live into a black, slimy swamp. You can't walk through it any more, you can only paddle. If you could make soup out of coal, it would look like this once verdant patch of land. Given that our pigs are black to start with, and that my only pair of wellington boots happens to be black, you can imagine what feeding time is like, particularly when it is getting dark. I have found myself kicking my left foot with my right, thinking it to be a greedy pig, while at the same time a

confused and aggressive snout has been nudging me in the ankles in case my boot turns out to have a competing appetnous ballet is being enacted, I live in fear of being eaten in a frenzy of porcine gluttony. I've had enough: I've rung the butcher.

But I should not be telling you any of this: I'm afraid I'm coming to the conclusion that most people would how their food

came to be produced and would prefer to erect a Chinese hedge between what goes sizzle in the pan and what went grunt on the meadow. Or even just grew: mushrooms, for example.

A couple of weeks ago I reported on the magnificent heap of rotting stable manure on a neighbouring farm. For six days, Gary carted 300 tons of it up here, and by the time be had dumped the last load you could hardly tell him apart from his precious cargo. In a distinctly hands-off managerial capacity I dropped in to see how things were going and spotted a cluster of mushrooms growing on the heap. I like mushrooms, and

so do my family, usually. I picked them and carried them home in my cap in anticipation of the sort of welcome that man the hunter might have had on his return to the cave. But it was not

"Mmmm," my wife said, sniffily. "Are you sure they're mushrooms?" I was confident. Our boy aged eight, took one look and asked: "Where did you get them, Dad?" "Off the muck-heap," I

replied. "Well, I'm not eating them," he said. "They'li have germs." "They're disgusting," our six-year-old daughter added.

I dabbed the mushrooms lightly with a damp cloth, remembering that they should never be washed. and fried them lightly with butter. It is a long time since my tastebuds had had such a treat. "Mmmm," my wife said, "very earthy."

The phone rang, it was London friends. "We're just eating mushrooms..." choked my wife ... he found them on the muckheap." "Oh no!" shricked the distant voice. "Will you be all right?" I, too, choked. In outrage. "Where do the mushrooms in your smart London eateries come; from?" I called across the room. "Grow in those little blue boxes on supermarket shelves, do they? I fear that most people now

believe that food is; born and bred in packets, and anything that is not! vacuum-packed is second rate. My mother used to make exquisite Yorkshire puddings from flour, eggs and milk, until ready-mixed peared in the shops. Now sher will use only those: they're packaged." so they must be better They're not. All this is badnews for farmers. like me, who trudge valiantly

through mud to feed our pigs on; natural barley, or cattle on oats and kale. We pursue the produc. tion of wholesome, unpolluted? food with a religious fervour, only. to find that customers can't stomach the real thing. It is like the case is of vegetarians who insist on:

organically grown food. Do they know that organic growing depends on what comes out of the back end of animals which are reared to be killed in the prime of... their lives? I think not. But I have delicious plans for a the pigs. I have delved into aged.

tomes and discovered recipes form the curing of hams and bacon. I am planning a smoke house where flitches will hang and absorb the subtle aromas of smouldering... chips of oak.

I mentioned this to a butcher... "Yes," he said, unmoved, "you: can do it that way - but we've gotthis chemical you can just paint on. It gives it the colour and it: gives the bacon flavour." Whatsort of flavour? I asked, "Oh," he, replied, "a taste just like the real-: supermarket stuff . . . That's what people like."



The work stops here: Jo Custimore and her husband, Mark Scott, have three (almost four) homes, but the Norfolk cottage is special, a place to which business friends are rarely invited

o Cuttmore, a personnel headhunter, and Mark Scott, her husband and business partner, maintain two homes in London because their work involves long hours and considerable entertaining. But they like to get out of the city whenever possible at weekends, to the fivebedroomed Georgian house they call "the cottage" in an area so remote it does not have a cellphone signal (they make do with a fax and two phone lines).

On Friday evenings the Land-Rover Discovery is loaded with their three children - Sam, aged six and a half, Jack, three and a half, and Hannah, four months -Freddie the King Charles spaniel and all manner of household and baby paraphernalia for the twohour drive into Norfolk.

"It used to seem easy to away to our idyllic retreat," Miss Cuttmore says, "and we would always feel refreshed. But now, with three children, it's a major expedition and we never seem to have the right toys or food or clothes with us, however much we

bring."
The boys now have duplicate sets of bikes to minimise this problem, and Hannah has prams, cots and so on in each home. finished - they are having one built on land they own in France to become a complete escape from fax and phones - they are not sure

how they will manage. "Last half-term we were in Norfolk and kept having to come back to London for meetings, Miss Cuttmore says. "We had about half a dozen calls a day." (It might be simpler, you could argue, to take the phone off the hook and disconnect the fax, but once a house is hooked up, she says, people know where you are, and

they are persistent.) Miss Cuttmore started her headhunting company (properly called executive search consultants) five

Feather report

Crete's

delta

A TOURIST is one who destroys what he or she seeks. A person involved in the development of

much faster. I learnt this years ago when I returned to a once perfect fishing village in Crete and found a booming beach resort.

Although it might seem that there is no escape from this harsh

law of ruination by tourism, there is. And, in Crete, British tourists

The place in question is Gouves. This is a complex of

lagoons on the north coast, on a

river delta. It is the only river delta

on the island, and the residents of

Gouves have long been upset

about this distinction. Just about

every other village along the coast

has made pots of money by lining

the beach with villas, hotels and

lodging houses. A bunch of la-

goons and the delta have kept

have taken to dumping landfill

into the lagoons, with the aim of

reclaiming land and creating their

own beach resort. So far, they have

ruined about a third of the lagoon

Lagoons are wonderful places

for birds, however. Greater fla-

mingo for a start: it is hard to find

a bird with a more obvious appeal

than a flamingo. The place is

teeming with other exoticisms:

glossy ibis, griffon vulture, pallid

and Montagu's harrier, honey

buzzard, booted eagle, Eleanora's

falcon ... there is a list of 170

species at Gouves, and the place

has still been properly watched

only in the spring ...

So, in recent years, the villagers

are at the heart of it.

Gouves poor.

Home from home: Jo Cuttmore

# Headhunter in the wilds of Norfolk

years ago. She called it Jamieson Scott because it was a name that implied a manly partnership, she says, even though, at first, it was an all-woman company. The name Jamieson is also a family name, and Peter Jamieson, her cousin, is an artist who has painted the view of their cottage, with a horse by the tree, which hangs in one of their living rooms

"Sam is taking riding lessons at the local stables, but Mark and I have not ridden since Sam was a baby," Miss Cuttmore says. "Basically we try to do as little as possible when we are in Norfolk." Besides Miss Cuttmore and her husband, the company has two other partners, which makes it a to take breaks than

when Miss Cuttmore was running the business by herself. "Although the recession is biting we are quite buoyant," she says, "but the emphasis is changing and we are becoming more

headhunters." The Scotts have several office premises and have moved house seven or eight times in London during the time they have had the cottage, "so I suppose the cottage is what the children consider home, even though we go there only at weekends and half-terms",

"I have a close circle of friends there as I grew up in the area and my parents still live nearby. We have tended to have the children's birthday parties and other family festivities at the cottage."

Whereas the Scotts' London homes - an elegant flat and a mews house in different areas of the city - are decorated with capital chic, the cottage has a more lived-in feel: the colours are darker and warmer, complementing the beamed ceiling and inglenook fireplaces of the higgledy-piggledy

The cottage is long but only one room deep. It has spacious dining and sitting rooms but a small, galley-style kitchen. The furniture is "shabby by London standards" "shabby by London standards", but she is not fussy about this as cottage is the one home to dom invited.

The other day Jack trod in some dog dirt and trekked it in; it did not bother me that much; I just cleaned it up, whereas in London I would have had a fit if it had got on to the powder blue carpets," Miss Cuttmore says.

In London, however, there are staff to clean up any messes, a namey to prevent them, and a sional cook to produce corporate-quality luncheons. In Norfolk, the Scotts fend for themselves, so weekends, particularly with a four-month-old baby, can be more exhausting than working days, and sometimes they stay in London just for a rest. "The cottage is both constraining and bonding," she says. "Although we have no help, Jack and Sam have space there and they do not get under our feet so much. I think they enjoy the freedom because in

London there is always someone

to supervise them.

No longer do the Scotts bring London friends down to the cottage for weekends, as they did before they had children. "People wanted to be entertained and taken places," she says, "whereas we would live off barbecued food or canned stuff and just want to watch television. Now if we invite people over it's usually because they have children for Jack and

Sam to play with."
The Scotts love having Christmas at the coti which smells permanently of wood fires. "But this year we're having Christmas in London, for a variety of

in winter when we do not go out to Norfolk because it's too difficult." When the house in France is complete it will be used for longer

reasons," Miss Cuttmore says

"And there are sometimes weeks

holidays. The pattern of their lives is changing, and circumstances might shortly require them to sell the cottage so that they can buy something more suitable for Miss Cutumore's parents, who do duty as babysitters and gardeners, to have with them. "The idea in the share with them. "The idea is that my parents would sell their place and we would sell this and with the proceeds from both we would get something for us all together," she says. "I know it's logical, but it will be a great wrench to have to sell the cottage. All our family memories are here."

Lately, Miss Cuttmore has been daydreaming about removing herself to rural Norfolk on a permanent basis, trading her smart suits for a wardrobe of jeans and

"I've engineered a way so that the children could go to school there when the time comes - if we decide against London day schools - and I occasionally daydream of doing all my interviews by conference video and conducting the business entirely from the garden,' "But then I'm probal living in cloud cuckooland."

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Lagoon lovers: greater flamingo at Gouves on the north coast of Crete

on their hands: they have a prime asset. The point, then, is the new and growing phenomenon of green tourism. Increasingly, people travel to see wildlife. Magazines are full of opportunities for holidays in exotic places, where you can see glorious birds and wonderful beasts. We are talking about conservation, and money. And most people like at least one of these.

The Royal Society for Nature Conservation and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds have been putting this double point to the Greek government, stressing the importance and vulnerability of Gouves. And the Greek government looks like tak-

The turning point came when a party from the Greek government was taken to Minsmere, the RSPB's showpiece reserve in Suffolk, which attracts 100,000 visitors a year. It is a vastly impressive place, superbly managed. One visit there is enough to convince anybody that birds can be a source of wonder and delight

for thousands of people. Tourism is vital for Greece. Crete gets a million visitors a year, etly Brits and Germans. It conventional sun 'n' sand tour ism. Yiannis Kefaloyiannis, the minister for tourism (and a Cretan), however, seems to have taken this step.

"These environmentally important sites offer regions of exceptional beauty in a most welcoming climate," he says. "They must be preserved and enhanced appropriately, especially in the widely varied natural reserves of Crete. We believe that the protection of birds, animals, fish and all other aspects of the environment belong within a wide network, which also includes top quality tourism in which Crete is universally recognised."

The minister will submit the plans for Gotives to the EC for funding. These include a management plan drawn up by Doug Ireland, Minsmere warden. The Hotel Federation of Crete has expressed enthusiasm. Sponsorship is being sought from tour operators in Britain and Germany.

Gouves is about a fag-paper away from being saved. We have before us what looks like that rare and beautiful thing, a happy conservation story. It is a case of touching wood while giving three cheers for

#### LONDON

ALADDIN: Jon Pertwee, Sophie Lawrence (of EastEnders), Peter Simon, Ping Pong the Panda, Duggle Clark. Beck Theatre, Grange Roed, Hayes, (081-561 8371). Dec 8-Jan 12.

ALADDR: John Imman, Paul Shane, Susan Maughan, David Jenson, Eli Woods and Christopher Farries. Churchill Theatre, High Street, Bromley (081-480 6677). Dec 14-Jan 19. **ALADOW: Nick Wilton, Semenths** 

Lewis, Julie-Ann Blythen. Mittheld Theatre, Sliver Street, Edmonton, N18 (081-807 6880). Dec 14-

ALADDIN: Traditional show. Crayford Town Hall, Crayford, . (081-303 7777). Dec 12-Jan 13.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Cavalcade Theatre company in a musical version of Lewis Carroll's original, suitable for seven-year-olds and older. Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (071-236 5568). Dec 26-Jan 5, matinees only.

ANGELO: Puppet show adapted from Quentin Blake's book. Performances simed at different age groups, from three-year-olds up. Little Angel Marlongtte Theatre, Dagmar Passage, Cross Street, N1 (071-225 1787). Dec 8-Jan 13, but not daily.

BABES IN THE WOOD: Roy Hudd, June Whitfield, Jack Tripp, Patrick Mower, Sill Partwee, Lyn Paul, Allen Christle, Debble Filtcroft and Peter Gallagher plus the Mr Men. Ashcroft Theatre, Fairfield Halls, Croydon (081-688 9291 / 681 0821). Dec 7-Jan 13.

BREAD: Many of the present cast members of Carla Lane's Liverpool comedy family, including Jean Boht. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W (071-580 9562/8845). Dec 18 for five

CHILDREN OF EDEN: Large-scale musical show by John Caird and Stephen Schwartz with an ecological message. Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Previewing from Dec 19.

CINDERELLA: Bonnie Langford, Gyles Brandreth, Berbera Windsor, Brien Conley, Michael Sharvell-Martin and Freddle Laes, Amanda Bairstow, Ed Stewart, Jan Hunt, Ray Alan and Lord

Charles.
Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway,
SW19 (081-540 0362). Dec 21-Feb 3. CINDERELLA: Kjartan Poskitt's adaptation, for London Actors' Theatre Company and Buster Theatre Company. Company and Suster Inestre Company. Wilesden Green Library Centre, NW10 (081-451 0294). Dec 5, 12, 19. Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223). Dec 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20-23, 27-30.

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Edgware Road, NW8 (071-402 5081).
Dec 11-Jan 5. Some performances for

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Fortune, Russell Street, WC2 (071-836 2238/6260). Dec 18-Jan 5. Alan Cowen.
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Gerry Raffles
Square, E15 (061534 (0310). Dec 3-Jan THE GINGERBREAD MAN; BOBUX Bryant, Mike Eiles, Colin Mantie, Julia Sutton, Robert Hughes, Matthew Green, In David Wood's show for anyone over three years old, returning for its eighth London season. Unicom Theetre for Children, Arts RUSS ABBOT'S

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Bioprisbury Theatre, Gordon Street,

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Ofinier, Royal National Theatra, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews from Dec 3. Opens Dec 12. In repertory.

OUT OF TOWN

BARNSLEY: Cinderelle: Ronnie Hilton,

Lynette McMorrow, Jill Greenacre. Civic Theatre (0226 206757). Dec 26-

BATH: Aladdin: Tom O'Connor, Jeffn Holland, Roland Rat, Jilli Foot, Leon Greene, Nigel Stephenson. Theatre Royal (0225 65065/465074). Dec 20-Jan 27.

BIRMINGHAM: Aladdin: Traditional show with Don Maclean and Maggle

Old Repertory Theatre (021-236 4455/6771). Dec 15-Jan 19.

hand-purpost treat, with Matthew Corbett, Connie Creightori. Heavily booked in advance.

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Theatre, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 3334). Now until Jan 13. MEAVEN'S UP: Captain Beaky and his Band return, thanks to Patrick Garland, Jack Wild and Milks Berry, in a new musical adventure by Jeremy Lloyd. Pleyhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Now previewing.

THE HORSE AND HIS BOY: C.S. Lewie's story, adepted by Glyn Robbins, directed by Richard Williams Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, WS (081-741 2311). Dec 18-Jen 19.

IN THE DOCHOUSE: David Allen's "16th century romp" is not intended for children or easily offended adults. Croydon Warehouse, Dingwall Ro East Croydon (081-680 4060).

JACK & THE BEANSTALK: Rodney Bewas heads the cast. Shaw, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (071-388 1394), Dec 12-Jan 12.

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THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE: Glyn Robbins's adaptation of the C.S. Lawis Namia story, directed by Richard Williams.

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MOTHER GOOSE: Traditional show by multiracial children's theatre specialists Harrow Arts Centre, Usbridge Road, Hatch End (081-428 0123). Dec 20-22.

OLD KING COLE: Ken Campbell's version of the tale, for London Bubble, features Amazing Genius Faz and North Peckham Civic Centre, 600 Old Kent Road, SE15 (071-703 2917). Dec 20-Jan 12.

THE PIED PIPER: From the old story and Browning's poem. Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street. Barnet (081-449 0048). Dec 28-Jan 6. PUSS IN BOOTS: 1837 pantomime by J.R. Planché, plus seasonal music hall Players' Theatre, The Arches, Villers Street, Charing Cross, WC2. Dec 12-Feb, Tues-Sun. Membership may be

ROBIN HOOD: Patrick Prior's panto version features Colin Gourley, Bill Thomas, Tania Rodrigues, Nina Wadia, Mark Curry and Federick Pyne. Grand (0253 28372). Dec 17-Jan 12. BOURNEMOUTH: Aladdin: Su Pollard,

Matthew Kelly, Gordon Honeycombe, Deve Lynn and Hope & Keen. Pavilion (0202 22122). Dec 13-Jan 20. BRADFORD: Jack & The Beanstalk: Max Boyce, Geoffrey Hayes. Alhambra (0274 752000). Dec 20-Feb 9.

BRIGHTON: Robinson Crusoe: Christopher Timothy, Jack Douglas, Louise Plowright and Patricia Brake. e Royal (0273 28488). Dec 19-Jan 12

BRISTOL: The Red Balloon: Anthony Clark and Mark Vibrans's musical adaptation of the Fifties French film. Old Vic Theatre Boyal (0272 250250). Dec 14-Fab 9. Cinderella: Michael Barrymore, Annabel

Croft, Willy Ross and Simon Fox. Hippodrome (0272 299444). Dec 22-CAMBRIDGE: Bebes in the Wood: Sylvestar McCoy, Gwyn Jones, David Masterman, Felicity Goodson, Ron Aldridge and Claire Calleghan. Arts (0223 352000). Dec 14-Jan 12.

CHICHESTER: A Christmas Carol: Musical version of Dickens' tale. Festival (0243 781312). Dec 14-Jan 12. COVENTRY: Cinderella: Own company, with lan Lauchian from BBC children's

Belgrade (0203 553055). Dec 11-Jan 26. DARTFORD: Sleeping Beauty: Kate O'Mara, Simon Bates, Peter Denyer, plus Vanessa Downing and Roger Oakley (of Home and Away). Orchard (0322 343222). Dec 15-Jan 19. Caroline Dennis, Roger Kitter, Rob Stewart and Lawrie Bennet. Congress (0323 412000). Dec 20-Jan 27. FASTBOURNE: Ataddire Rolf Harris,

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es in the Wood: Leslie Ash from Cats Eyes, lan Sharrock from Emmerdale and lan Lavender, Chy Varieties (0532 430808). Dec 20-LEICESTER: Postman Pat's Happy Christmas: Charles Savage and Bryan Daly's stage version of the television

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Robin Hood and the Babes In the Wood: Stefan Dennis and Emma Rae (of Neighbours), Maureen Nolan, Johnny Kennedy, Wally Scott. Empire (051-709 1555). Dec 21-Feb 3. MANCHESTER: The Weirdstone of

Brisingamen: Adaptation from Alan Gamer's novel, by Rosie Cullen. Contact (061-274 4400). Dec 5-Jan 19. Simbed the Sallor: Library Theatre Company in Peter Fieldson's adaptation, with John Pattison's music. Forum, Wythenshaws (061-437 9663).

Dick Whittington: Les Dawson, John Nettlet, Ann Sidney, Mark Walker, The Roly Polys. Palace (161-236 9922), Dec 14-Feb 24. MARGATE: Dick Whittington: Charlie Drake and Dawn Bowden. Theatre Royal (0843 228776). Dec 14-

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Jack & The Beanatait: Vicky Murray and Michael Nicholson (of Byker Grove), Denny Ferguson and Neal Armstrong. Playhouse (091-232 7079), Dec 18-22, Jan 1-5.

Aladdin: The Krankies, Anita Dobson and Bernard Bresslaw. Theatre Royal (091-232 2061). Dec 15-Jan 26.

Dick Whitington: John Labanowski (of EastEnders), Melanie McAffey, Maxi and Mitch, Arna-Maria Gascoigne. Tyne Theatre and Opera House (091-232 0899). Dec 8-Jan 5.

NORTHAMPTON: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Letitia Dean (of EastEnders), Billy Pearce, Syd Francis, Richard Swerrun, Jean Fergusson. Derngate (0604 26222). Dec 15-Jan 26. PLYMOUTH: Beauty and the Beast: Orchard Theatre company's touring show, written and directed by Bill

Buffery. Drum, Theatre Royal (0752 669595). Dec 4-29.

READING: Cinderella: Lisa Goddard, Rod Hull & Emu, Lionel Blair, Paul Gyngell and Michael Gyngell. Hexagon (0734 591591). Dec 17-Jan 26. SALISBURY: Dick Whittington: Traditional show by Myles Rudge. Playhouse (0722 2033)/20117). Dec 15-

The Pied Piper: Adrian Mitchell's musical version. Salberg Theatre, Playhouse (0722 20333). Dec 22-Jan 12.

SCARBOROUGH: Callisto 5: New show for six-year-olds and older, written and directed by Alan Ayckbourn. Stephen Joseph (0723 370541). Dec 12-

SHEFFIELD: The Wizard of Oz: The musical version, as filmed. Crucible (0742 769922). Dec 13-Jan 19. The Whale: For seven to 12-year-olds. Crucible Studio (0742 769922).

SOUTHAMPTON: Around the World in Eighty Days: Musical adaptation from

Jules Verne, with Granville Sexton. Nutfleld (0703 671771). Dec 18-Jan 19 SOUTHEND: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs: Keith Harris & Orville, Denise Noten, Cornelia Francis (of Home and Away). Cliffs Pavilion (0702 351 135). Dec 14.

STOCKPORT: Aladdin: Danny La Rue. Rachel Friend and Mark Stevens (of Neighbours), plus Peter Piper. Davenport (061-483 3601). Dec 14-

TORQUAY: Dick Whittington: Loraine Chase, David Griffin, Geoffrey Davies, String Rodger and Chats Harris, Princess (0603 297527), Dec 21-Jan 13, TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Cinderella: Peter Vroom (of Home and Away) and Justite Kaplan (of Last of the Summer Wine). Assembly Theatre (0892 26121/515675).

Dec 20-Jan 12. WOLVERHAMPTON: Dick Whittington: Bobby Davro, Linda Nolan, Geoff Capes. Grand (0902 29212). Dec 20-Feb 2. WORCESTER: Monty Moonbeam's Magnificent Mission: Christopher Lillicrap and Jeanette Ranger's musics tate for all ages. Swan (0905 27322). Dec 6-Jan 12. YORK: Mother Goose: Berwick Kaler, David Leonard and Martin Barrass. Theatre Royal (0904 523568). Dec 21-

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Robertson, Grant Baymham, George Duffus and Katherine Terry. His Majesty's (0224 641122/637788). Dec 7-Jan 5. (BERDEEN: Babes in the Wood: Steve

DUNDEE: Cinderella: Repertory company in a Christmas show rather than a traditional parto. Repertory (0382 27684). Nov 30-Jan 5. EDINBURGH: Cinderella: Stanley Baxter returns to traditional panto, with full supporting cast. King's (031-229 1201/557 2727). Dec 4-Feb 16.

Hizwatha: Adaptation of the epic poem. Assembly Rooms, George Street (031-229 9697). Dec 13-lan 5.

Kelly, Una Mclean. King's (041-227 5511/248 5332). Dec 11-Feb 23. GLASGOW: Babes in the Wood: Gerard

INVERNESS: Red Riding Hood — The Sequel: Andy Gray and Jonathan Watson, in a show by Catherine Robins and Andy Grey. Eden Court (0463 221718). Dec 6-jan 12.

WALES

CARDIFF: Cinderella: Jonathon Morris Janet Dibley, Windsor Davies, Dame Hilda Bracket and Cheryl Taylor. New (0222 394844). Dec 8-Jan 19.

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SWANSEA: Snow White and the Seven Dwarts: Stu Francis, Linda Lusardi, Neil Morrissey, Mike Holoway, Owen Money, Nikki Kelty and the Minitones, Grand (0792 475715). Dec 19-Feb 3.

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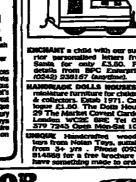
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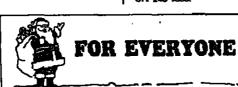
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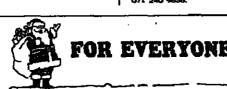
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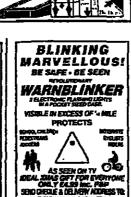


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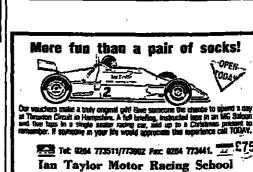
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he telephone line crackles. "Hello, bonjour," says the waiter at the Westbury Hotel, Conduit Street, be-

finnan haddock. The British breakfast is becoming a Chinese whisper. "The continental," the waiter confides, telephonically, "is now also popular."

So popular, it seems, that even power breakfasters are wheeling early morning deals over croissants and cafe au lait. Time means money even at 7.30am at the Savoy, where the upwardly mobile invest in healthy futures with fruit juices and freshly baked brioches. By 8am Croissants Express in Leadenhall Market is doling out croissants to a hurried queue, dashing for its desk with frothy cappuccinos in polystyrene cups.

The English maxim for good health - breakfast like a millionaire, dine like a miser - has lost its bottle. Except, that is, at the Fox and Anchor pub in Smithfield Market, where you can still find a pint of Guinness, a tot of brandy and a plateful of sausage, bacon, egg, mushroom, tomatoes, black pudding, baked beans and fried bread at 7am.

Outside, market men in white overalls spattered with blood from the night shift cram into Carlo's for a bacon samie and PG Tips. Upstairs at The Hope pub, Jimmy Ladaban pops open a bottle of champagne to mix with a jug of Guinness for black velvet: a drink to wash down his Full House breakfast as dawn rises.

London stops at the door of La Brasserie, in Brompton Road, South Kensington Inside the atmosphere is very Parisian, and so are the breakfasts (very good jus d'orange and citron pressé).

At the Cafe Kensington, the

memi is Paris, Texas. Croissants and waffles are presented on cream and green cards on each round table. Cybil Kapoor is head chef and used to work at Jam's in New York. Ingredients are as

important as presentation. The eggs are free-range and arranged artistically on the plate. "And we don't use brains in our sausages." Locals are holing up in the sandwich bar next to the Gate

Cinema in Notting Hill, which serves a rehable greasy spoon all day from 8am. Here, men in paint-spattered

jeans sit with a good old English cuppa for 35p, comforted by limegreen fake marble tables, lino flooring and the glass servery lined with plastic ketchup bottles. Round the corner in Church Street, even the Notting Hill Gate

Coffee House is undergoing a face-lift to become La Barraca, meaning barracks in Spanish. The old framed black and white prints of a carless Notting Hill are being replaced with a mural of a flamenco dancer. "Will you still do the English breakfast?" a worried regular asks the manager, who wears a printed shirt opened over hairy chest plus gold medal-lion. The answer is yes. "But will it

be the same?" At the Candid Cafe, in Torrens Street, all fruit and vegetables are organically grown and a gigantic green squash is placed on a wrought-ron cake stand at the counter purely to be looked at.

Things are not the same. Even Glasgow has gone continental at the Cafe Gandolfi, which serves "oeufs en cocotte, Italian rolls and French croissants from 9am". Part of the old cheese market, the cafe has become young and trendy, a place for friends to meet, with a large John Clark stained-glass window all blues and greens, called Flock of Fish.

Edinburgh has embalmed tradition at the Antiquary, where Richard Duncan, the chef, cooks an excellent fry-up to go with the original pub's wood panelling. "It's a good atmosphere," he says. "It's bubbling."

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and subtitle ("mushroom"). Similarly translated jalousies fran-gipanes ("almondy") and palmiers ("pigs ears") perfume platforms from Paddington to Waterloo with that alluring bakery smell.

Among the pastel pink lamp-shades and potted palms at Claridge's, the Austrian tourists and Japanese businessmen gather for devilled kidneys and kedgeree. Mr Clarke, who has worked there for 40 years, tells me that "more

and more people are coming in for breakfast on the way to work and eight out of ten customers take the English breakfast".

Not so at Blakes Hotel where among glass cases containing the clothes and jewellery of Thai hill tribes, with purple anemones in glass jars, couples breakfast romantically on an exotic salad of figs, mango and passion fruit, pretending to be anywhere in the world but London.

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Help: choosing a Christmas tree

#### Needles to spruce up the festive season

luxuriant and long-lasting. Whichever sort of tree you choose, you can extend its life quite significantly by choosing it carefully and looking after it properly in your home, the BCTGA says.

It makes little difference to needle shedding if a tree is with or without roots. It will still be able to absorb enough water to keep it from moulting too drastically, according to the BCTGA members who sell both rootballed and rootless trees. These growers also ridicule the old wives' tale that tree roots are sometimes boiled to prevent them growing again. This

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was supposed to ensure that we were forced to buy a new tree every year. "Who would want to do it or have the time?" asks Major General Tony Richardson, who runs the association.

He advises consumers to check carefully that the potted trees they buy look fresh. "Sometimes the roots have been allowed to dry out between the time they were dug up and before they were potted," he says. Root-balled trees are those which have been dug up without disturbing the earth around their root system, which is then retained by wrapping it in sacking.

Together with container-grown trees, which are seldom more than 3ft tall, they have the best chance of surviving if they are replanted outdoors after Christmas.

The BCTGA's guidelines suggest a top quality 6ft to 7ft Norway spruce or Scots pine should cost between £10 and £15 a tree, with Noble and Nordman firs and blue spruce more expensive at between £18 and £22 for the same size. You should expect to pay up to

£10 for a good container-grown or small potted tree, and root-balled trees should cost between £2 and £3 more than a cut tree. VICTORIA MCKEE

● For a list of BCTGA members, send sae to British Christmas Tree Growers Association, 12 Lauriston Road, London SW19 (081-946 2095).

♠ The contact number for Denise Katz ("Help", November 24) is 071-289 0957.

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

 Wildlife Photographer of the Year. Competition winners Wendy Shattil and Bob Rozinski talk about their work, plus competition photographs.
Natural History Museum,
Cromwell Road, London SW7 (071-938 9123). Today 2pm, museum admission £3, child £1,50.

O Family activity at Kensington Palace: Practise the 18th and 19th century art of quilling to make Christmas stationery, tree cecorations, hangings. Suitable for children aged eight and over. The Education Centre, Kensington Palace state apartments. Today 10.39am-12.30pm. Palace admission, £3.50, child £2.30 plus 50p for the workshop. Check place availability on 071-937 9561.

 Royal Smithfield show: The best of British cattle, sheep and pigs on show. Also exhibitions of machinery and supplies. Earls Court, Warwick Road, London SW5, until Dac 6. Tomorrow 10am-5pm, £12; Mon-Thurs 9am-6pm, £9.

Spirit of Christmes: Characters and activities associated with ice and snow. Also starting today, art workshops for children every Saturday morning. Today: Christmas cards. Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (081-980 3204). Exhibition today until Jan 20. Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-6pm. Workshops Sat 11am-1pm, free.

NEXT WEEK O Christmas tree ceremony:



Lit up: the Trafalgar Square tree spruce at 6pm, followed by communal carols.

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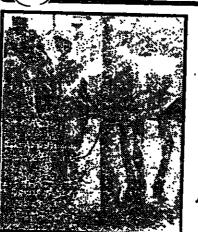
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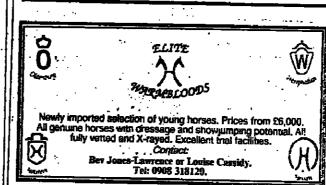
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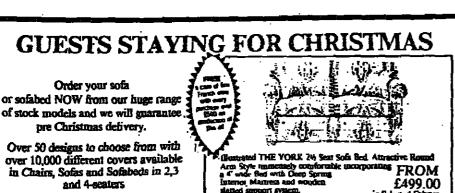
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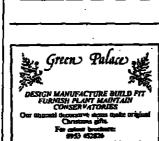
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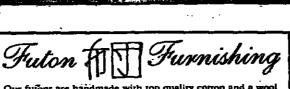




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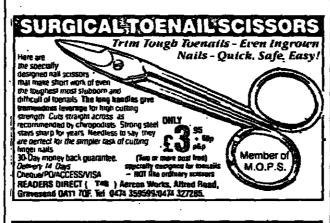
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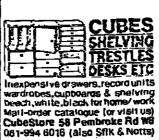
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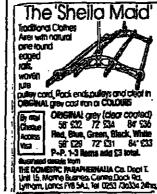
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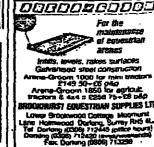


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# Risky affair of the art on loan

The joy at the National Gallery in obtaining its new collection could end in tears, says Sarah Jane Checkland

oted for its cupids and quantities of bare flesh, the National Gallery is the venue of a real life love affair. Having failed to seduce Baron Heini Thyssen-Bornemisza (remember that flying visit by the Prince of Wales to Lugano in 1988 when he tried to persuade the baron to keep his old master collection in Britain?) Lord Rothschild, the chairman of the gallery's trustees, has turned his attentions to Heinz Berggruen, owner of an extraordinary collection of late 19th and early 20th century art.

So far, the courtship has brought sensational returns: from January 16, visitors can enjoy 68 works by artists such as Van Gogh, Ce-zanne, Seurat and Picasso which have just arrived at the gallery.

Scurat's Les Poseuses, in which three models adopt classical poses painted in the revolutionary Di-visionist style, will rub shoulders with the gallery's Bathers at Asnieres, while Van Gogh's Public Garden, owned by Berggruen, will compare with the gallery's The Chair and the Pipe. A string of important Picassos brings the value of the loan to £250 million.

The problem is that, although the affair is going strong, there is no permanency in the arrangement. Mr Berggruen, the Germanborn, French-educated American citizen, will be at liberty to remove his property in 1995, after benefitting from years of free insurance and publicity for the valuable paintings. He may then decide to cave them to his children.

There is of course nothing new in museums cultivating collectors. Following the recent cuts in purchase grants, directors have more incentive than ever to turn to them as potential sources of acquisitions. The question now is

'who's using whom?" While the public undoubtedly benefited in the short term, the Eighties saw numerous instances when the managers of the British Rail Pension Fund art collection displayed works in our national museums before selling them at huge profits. J.M.W. Turner's



Art to heart: Heinz Berggruen, the collector and dealer, with Picasso

£7.3 million by the family of Lord Thomson of Fleet in 1984, was subsequently lent to the National Gallery of Scotland. Timothy Chifford, the gallery director, hoped and believed that it would become a gift, but last year the painting was exported with a revised valuation of £20 million. In the case of Mr Berggruen,

there is a genuine admiration for his taste and style, both private and professional. Gary Tinterow, author of the catalogue to the 1988 exhibition of Mr Berggruen's collection in Geneva, says he has proven himself "completely immune to hucksterism and hype".

But even Mr Berggruen was not best pleased when the New York Metropolitan Museum failed to give his gift of Paul Klee works sufficient display priority. How-ever distinguished his career was,

including friendships with many of the artists he collected, he

nevertheless remains an art dealer. As revealed in the December issue of Apollo art magazine, last year he swapped every one of his much admired 43 Matisses for the Van Gogh. Although Robin Simon, the editor of Apollo, does not touch on the question, to others the action could smack of speculation.

Speaking from the Paris gallery Berggruen et Cie, from which he officially retired in 1980, Mr Berggruen explained the deal: "I wanted the Van Gogh painting very badly, and the only way I could afford it was by exchanging it for the Matisses. It just so happens that I had to make a sacrifice." The Van Gogh was sold in the 1978 Henry Ford sale to the Argentinian collector Mrs Forteback, and obtained by Mr Berg-



On show shortly at the National: At the Cafe-Concert, by Picasso

gruen through an intermediary. Lord Rothschild said last week that the Berggruen collection's arrival in London was "a wonder-

ful thing ... it would be a shame if it is muddled by negativism".

Mr Berggruen said: "If we are all happy we may continue. Five years is quite a while to get used to each other. I am confident they will handle it professionally with no fuss. We shall see what happens."

But in five years' time the love affair will involve different personalities. Lord Rothschild will no longer be at the National, as his tenure runs out next May, while the director, Neil MacGregor, may also have gone, as his seven-year contract ends in January 1994.

What is certain is that Mr Berggruen cannot expect the nation to build a special display space for his collection; British

museum policy is to disperse bequests throughout the rest of a given museum's collections. Nicholas Serota, the director of

the Tate Gallery, would certainly expect that if important Picassos were being given to the nation, they would come to his gallery, which houses the national collection of 20th century art. Mr Serota hopes the new prime

minister, John Major, will encourage benefactors by improving private treaty and acceptance in lieu arrangements. He also advocates giving some tax remission during the owners' lifetime for a picture which will come to the nation on their death".

Until then, gallery manage-ments must continue trying to seduce potential benefactors, even if they risk finding themselves minus a partner in the last dance.

#### Review

• Art altruism: The Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge an-nounced an old fashioned, nostrings-attached bequest of £10 million of paintings by the likes of Stubbs, Lely, and Boucher. The works will arrive on the death of Dr Daniel McDonald, the 85-yearold Glaswegian industrialist

Brave first act: Simon Jervis, the new director of the Fitzwilliam, launched a campaign to "save" the world's most expensive item of furniture from going abroad. Bought for £8.6 million by Mrs Barbara Johnson, at Christie's last summer, the Badminton Cabinet is destined for her American home if that sum can not be matched by a British museum. The running total stands at £2.25 million.

Cold reception: An austere landscape painting by Caspar David Friedrich, the German romanuc painter, was left unsold at Phillips when bids stopped at £120,000. Estimate: £100,000 to £150,000. Top flop: Christie's Scandinavian paintings sale was a failure when only five out of 18 works sold.

Animal magic: The Northampton Bestiary, a manuscript containing a 13th century view of the animal world, doubled the record for an English manuscript when it fetched £2.9 million at Sotheby's. Star lots: Japanese marketing tactics worked wonders for Alain Delon, the French film star, when he auctioned 32 paintings for a total of £3.6 million in Paris. A dealer from Nagoya paid 6.3 million francs (£630,000) for a 1910 portrait of a young girl by Modigliani, and a Tokyo dealer paid 5.14 million francs for a view by Courber.

#### Preview

 Monday to Thursday: Impressionist paintings at Sotheby's, Christie's and Phillips in London. Highlights, which will be watched anxiously by market analysts, include some Picasso dancing girls of 1901 (Christie's, Monday, up to £8 million) and Elizabeth Taylor's Van Gogh (same estimate), several Renoirs (Sotheby's, Tuesday, 7pm, about £1 million each), Nolde's litho Dancing Girl (Chris-

tie's, Wednesday, about £100,000), a Picasso still life of 1919 (Phillips, Wednesday, 6pm, up to £150,000).

Monday: In Glasgow, at 11am. Christie's has a fine wine sale. At Hendon, north London, in the afternoon, Sotheby's is offering the ultimate motoring picnic set (up to £4,000) and vintage cars and equipment, including a 1930 pointed-tail Bentley two-seater (around £1 million).

Monday and Tuesday: A two-day fine arts sale held by Louis Taylor of Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staf-fordshire, 10am each day.

Tuesday: A busy day for Tribal Art buyers, with Christie's South Ken-sington offering some of the collection from the now closed Pitt Rivers Museum in Dorset from 10.30am. Bonhams continue with similar items from 2pm. Among the most expensive offerings are likely to be Pacific war clubs at up to £30,000 each.

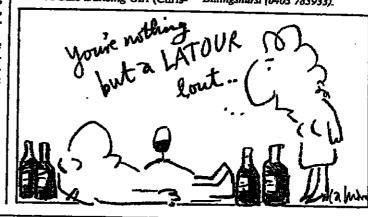
Tuesday and Wednesday: Sotheby's Sussex offers British pottery and porcelain, and then furniture, primitive paintings and collectables at 10.30am each day.

Thursday: More wine from Christie's, this time in London and including a five-case parcel of Taylor '45 (more than £12,500) and a 49-case parcel of Latour '70. (more than £35,000). Christie's South Kensington ventures into the currently troubled outback with Australian paintings. 10.30am. It may find that the doll and teddy bear market is more reassuring at 10.30am and 2pm. In Glasgow at 7pm, the same auction house has 70 works by four of the Scottish Colourists

Thursday and Friday: Sotheby's sale of old masters to modern prints includes 40 Rembrandts in unusually good condition.

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part of her treasure trove is to More than 100 paintings, most of them old masters, as well as some valuable silver, including a dinner service made by Paul Storr for the third Earl of Egremont in 1806-07, will be auctioned by Christie's in New York on January 10 and 11, following a preview in London next week. Lord Carrington, the chair-

man of Christie's, flew to Manila to lobby President Cory Aquino for the Marcos Lots. The auction house betheves that the old masters, including a Raphael and a Titian, will fetch \$10 million (£5.1 million). The silver is estimated at up to \$4.5

Others are not so sure about the collection. In the process of cataloguing the sale, many alleged that art and property of the canvases' attributions have been questioned, and which she and her husband some discarded. Everett Fahy, laundered \$200 million they the chairman of the department of European paintings at from the Philippines. the Metropolitan Museum of Art, in New York, has dis- in Mrs Marcos's New York old master collections for



missed the Marcos collection as "absolute rubbish, not of a quality you could assign to any recognisable artist". At Mrs Marcos's trial on

racketeering and fraud charges - of which she was eventually found not guilty - in New York earlier this year, it was were the principal means by were alleged to have stolen

Some of the art discovered



Under scrutiny: Imelda Marcos and Raphael's St Catherine

A flower painting by Fantin-Latour, which was found under a bed, made \$440,000 and a Henry Moore bronze \$286,000. With furniture and jewellery, \$1.4 million has been raised

houses has already been sold.

Most of the paintings in the January sale come from the Metropolitan Museum of Manila. Proceeds will go to earthquake victims and agrarian reform in the Philippines.

Ian Kennedy, the senior vice-president and director of

The Titian, a portrait of the painter-architect Giulio Ro-

Christie's New York, is angry

that the Marcos sale has been

talked down. He admits that

the original Metropolitan Mu-

seum of Manila catalogue was

not up to present-day schol-

arly standards", but insists that paintings by Raphael (a

small panel depicting St Catherine of Alexandria), Titian and Tintoretto stand up to

mano, which appeared in the "Splendours of the Gonzagas" exhibition at the Royal Academy in 1981, is particularly good, he claims, and a picture, formerly attributed to the Montakino master, has been upgraded to Segna di Buonaventura and priced at \$1 million. There are also good examples of Andrea di Bonaiuto, Antonio Guardi, Francesco Zuccarelli and Giandomenico Tiepolo. The silver was discovered

strewn among the guest houses of the presidential palace in Manila. Only 107 plates are left from the 130piece Egremont dinner serwhich was sold for £260,000 at Christie's in 1979, then a record price for English silver. The purchaser was Koopman, the London galkery. Michael Koopman, the managing director, says he never dealt directly with the Marcoses. "We sold the articles to another person, but I can't say whom."

ANDREW LYCETT Highlights of the Marcos collection will be at Christie's, King Street, London from next Wednesday to Friday.

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The Japanese took the craft of lacquer from China and elevated it into a sophisticated minor art form. The Greenfield collection is devoted to boxes from the 17th to 19th centuries. Most are the multi-sectional seal boxes known as inro - a little stack of trays held on a double string which is in turn secured to the wearer by a netsuke button, which may be lacquer, stone, wood or ivory-

There are also writing boxes and, as a There are also writing boxes and, as the centrepiece, a complete incense cere-tamony set, used in competitions, particExhibitions

#### Gems of lacquer and jade

and should return there as there are few of such quality in Japanese museums many other boxes could have been tailored to foreign tastes, such as the overall gilt pieces which found their way into British collections, and inro with stylised bellilowers or a scene from the Tales of the Genji, owned respectively by Tiffany, the jeweller, and the Goncourt brothers.

Among those that appealed to me most was an inro showing crows at night. There is a marvellous moonshadow, and a little gold and red is

collectors: from £500 for a round red kogo carved with stylised blossoming plum from the late 17th century, to £350,000 for the incense ceremony set. Professor Cheng's jades at Binett are

from the Neolithic Hongshan culture of about 3200BC to the mid 1800s. Here, again, there is humour, particularly in the figures of foreign tribute bearers. I covet a little hand-sized dish carved as a six-petalled flower in translucent pale greyish-green with brown mark-

ings. It is of uncertain date; perhaps

Yuan of around ADI 300. Scholarship and archaeology are still at work in this field, and even more than the inro, these jade artefacts are affordable things, ranging from £300 for an exquisite pair of flower-head buttons to £75,000 for a splendid pale greygreen bixie, a fierce and bewinged mythical feline creature from the Six Dynasties, the contemporary and contrasting period to our Dark Ages.

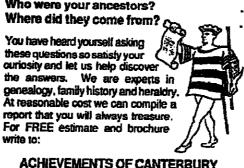
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# All the changing scenes of life

John Russell Taylor observes how the Impressionists are unmasked at the National Gallery, and (below) reviews

the Hayward's Jasper Johns show

popular view is that scholarship and the embodiment of art are somehow natural enemies. We murder to dissect; too clear an analysis of the results puts the magic to flight.
The aim of the National Gallery's

series of exhibitions under the heading "Art in the Making" is possibly to give the lie to such notions. If that is the case, it has certainly succeeded, and never more triumphantly than with the third (and, for the moment, last): Impressionism, sponsored by Esso, like its predecessors.

First, no one has to read the captions. It is always open to the visitor to take this as simply a resplendent display of 15 great Impressionist paintings from the gallery's collection, with three pre-Impressionist French paintings thrown in for good measure. On that level, it works extremely well: the pictures have seldom been displayed to better advantage.

Who would carp at seeing, for example, Monet's "Music in the Taileries Gardens", Renoir's The Umbrellas", Pissarro's "The Côte de Boenfs at L'Hermitage", Monet's "The Gare Saint-Lazare" and Sisley's "The Watering Place at Marty-le-Roi" all together in the same room?

But then, seeing that the captions are there, clearly visible even to those who do not choose to buy the excellent book which summarises and illustrates the conclusions of the show, it would be wasteful not to glance at them at least. The information they contain is fascinaring in itself, and really does deepen appreciation and understanding - and therefore enjoyment - of the paintings they accompany.

Detail from Johns' "Fall"

(1986): an exploration of

the gradations of black

THE third of the Four Sea

Interludes from Britten's Peter

Orimes is supposedly a calm

nocturne. In the opera it is usually

seen as a deceptive calm before the

onset of the turbulent denoue-

ment. But such is the American

for sharply differentiated tonal colours that his account with the

London Philharmonic on Thurs-

day painted a far less tranquil

The falling raindrops of the

fintes had a glassy brilliance, while

the metallic edge of the xylophone

was sharply enhanced. If these intimations of the storm to

inleashed with startling immedi-

Interpolations like those on

Tan Elgar score such as the Violin Concerto. The question was

whether Slatkin could etch in

those details without distorting

the shape and flow of the broader

wind and brass are the very stuff of

acy in the final interlude

me, the fury of the gale itself was

scene than usual.

conductor Leonard Slatkin's ear



Monet's "The Gare Saint-Lazare" (1877): one of the Impressionist paintings analysed in Art in the Making at the National Gallery

Take "Umbrellas", a Renoir which has appealed to many who do not normally like Renoir. It is generally categorised as the beginning of his "cool" period, when his pictures took on an altogether greyer tonality and veered, temporarily at least, away from the rich (or over-rich) sensuality of his earlier works. But even that does not account for the slight unease often felt in front of it, the sense that there is something there which requires repeated viewing, and even then remains elusive.

The National Gallery's analysts have come up with an explanation: Renoir painted it in two distinct phases, precisely distin-

guishable because he used two different kinds of blue pigments. The first phase accounts for the "typical Renoir" figures in the right foreground, almost sentimental in their charm; the second for the figure to the left and the abstract pattern of blue/grey

umbrellas at the back. Possibly Renoir himself felt that there was something unresolved about the picture, since it was never exhibited in Paris and did not appear in public until 1908, more than 20 years after it was painted. He probably realised it is in two styles, each of which works in its own terms. This gives the picture its curiously modern tone.

Possibly it recalls another picture that changed styles in midstream and thereby changed the course of art history: Picasso's "Demoiselles

This is only one example of the illumination and enlightment the show provides. Elsewhere, it is made clear time and again just how much sheer brainwork the Impressionists put into their paintings. Monet said he wanted his works to appear as easily and spontaneously painted as the bird sines. He never said that he actually painted them that way. Laboratory analysis shows how he, and Pissarro, and even the genuinely spontaneous Sisley,

worked over their first ideas. refining, altering, adding and eliminating in the studio, months or sometimes years after the first careless capture on the spot, in the

open, in front of the subject itself. Nobody is going to think the worse of them for it; many will think better of them, definitively acquitted of glibness. Besides, improved understanding has never yet killed instinctive enjoyment. The paintings, after all, are still there to speak for themselves.

Art in the Making: Inspressionism National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3321) Mon-Sat 10-6,

# Distinctive whisper in gallery

The thing about Pop Art is that it shouts. The thing about Jasper Johns is that he whispers. The distinction needs to be made, because from the start lohns has been identified with Pop Art. Understandably enough. given his recurrent preoccupation with such Pop Art icons as the Stars and Stripes, or letters and figures reproduced poster-style or, latterly, a new interest in ale cans (as distinct from Warhol's soup Although the subject matter

may be similar, however, and the moment of entry into the scene is virtually identical, technique and attitude mark him as a man apart from the rest.

All this is peculiarly evident in the Hayward Gallery's big new show of Jasper Johns drawings Many of them, particularly the ones, are in monochrome - though a new definition of monochrome seems to be required to cover the in-

Eminent

Elgarian

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Festival Hall

has already established his creden-

tials as an Elgarian, not least with

his fine recording of The Kingdom

(also with the London Phil-

harmonic). In the concerto he

showed a sovereign command of

the score, synthesising all the little

woodwind flecks and brass flour-

ishes into imposing lines, and

gathering up the overlapping.

strands of string tone into heartfelt.

The indomitable Ida Haendel,

standing in for Salvatore Accardo,

negotiated her way through all

If "drawing" implies something flung off casually in an idle

moment, that term is also inappropriate: these are mostly complex and premeditated (or remeditated) works of art, as the intricate and sometimes tentative medium descriptions attest. Presumably, Johns himself cannot remember now just how such exotic ingredients as lighter fluid came to be involved. The same subjects keep recurring the flag, the two infinitesimal balls, the coathanger, the strangely floating figure of the watchman. It becomes clearer and clearer that they are not there for their own sake, but as excuses for a formal exploration of textures and the infinite gradations that black

Later on, colours start to be more evident. There are the abstract patterns made up of irregular shapes latticed with single colours. Once established,

tone when required, but equally

prepared to take a back seat when

the melodic interest passed else-

where. Nor was there anything but

accord between the conductor and

the soloist in their handling of the

constant tempo fluctuations that

characterise Elgar's score. They breathed as one, and the entire

Nowhere was this rapport more

effective than in the extraordinary

accompanied cadenza towards the

end of the finale. First the or-

chestral strings set the mood with

their eerie tremolandos; then, with

their instruments tucked under

their arms and strummed like

guitars, they provided a self-

effacing but atmospheric back-

drop for the soloist's flights of

introspective fancy, elaborated with eloquent expressiveness by

Haendel. Slatkin conducts English

music again at the Festival Hall

tomorrow evening, when the main

fare will be Walton's Belshazzar's

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orchestra with them.

finite gradations of effect he these have remained a hallmark up to the present. There are more flags, in more or less their exflags, in more or less their expected shades. There are glimpses into the studio - though, curiously enough, when a pot of paint brushes is depicted, the colours that might be expected are conspicuously absent. And there are views, apparently, of the artist's own bathroom, with taps in the foreground (this is a bath'seye view) and a Picasso, or his own pastiche of Picasso, on the

> is work is meticulous and immaculate, but perhaps a trifle thin. Only so long can be spent admiring the care for minutiae, the bat's-cry clusiveness of subjects which seem always to bordering on non-existence But then, sooner or later, vulgarity will surface. Why has Johns always chosen to make so much of so little? Is it really a natural hyper-sensitivity and refinement

wall beyond.

that keeps him so toned-down? Or has long since run out of anything new to say?

Without raising: again the whole vexed question of form versus content in modern art, it is difficult not to wonder why what starts as a precise and civilised pleasure gradually shades into impatience and boredom. The same impression was pro-

duced by Johns' prize-winning retrospective at the Venice Biennale At the same time, Cy Twombley, who might have been taken for s similarly circumscribed artist, produced a speciacular self-renewal in another pavilion. Maybe it is still not too late for Johns to do likewise.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR The Drawings of Jasper Johns Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-261 0127), daily 10-6 (Tues, Wed to 8), until February 3.

#### Dramatic pretence

CONTRACTOR Bloodlines Covent Garden

THE Opera House bars, at least, should be grateful for Bloodlines, a work lasting only 25 minutes but needing intervals of 30 minutes or more to erect and dismantle its decor. The long pause gives time also for pondering why Ashley Page makes lucid and interesting works in small arts centres or for Rambert Dance Company, but, when offered the resources of Covent Garden or television, he falls into producing pretentious

Deanna Petherbridge's decor (by Escher, out of Metropolis) provides sloped walkways high above the stage: only one of them negotiable. Along this, and across the floor, trudge women with industrial earmuffs and men with safety visors. The protagonist is Bruce Sansom, harried by William Trevitt and accosted by Lynne Bristow and Viviana Durante,

Darcey Bussell and Nicola Roberts, like two hours in knitwear, are offered as a distraction by Adam Cooper, but, in the end, Sansom tries to escape up the ladder. Page told the The Times on Wednesday that he wanted to be dramatic, not narrative, but sadly the result seems more like

sharply and cogently.



Roberts and Bussell in Ashley Page's Bloodlines

Violin Concerto. Although nearly 20 years old, its new uses for old steps, its twists and combinations, are more unexpected and more daring than anything Page comes up with - partly because Balanchine got so much more help from his choice and understand

Royal Ballet dancers, who come up with uneven, though mostly forceful, performances. They look more at home in the showpiece dances from Raymonda which ends the programme with a reminder of the Petipa legacy Balanchine and Page use as their starting point for extension or

# The best records of the year

**ROCK** 

**DAVID SINCLAIR** 

IN A year beset by pneumatic dancefloor beats and the shallow ravings of Northern bands with Attitude, the Bine Aeroplanes' fifth album, Swagger (Ensign CHEN 13), stands out as a rather lonely creation of savage beauty. Ostensibly a vehicle for vocalist Gerard Langley's surreal poetry. the album is borne aloft by a divine patchwork of chiming guitars, their gladiatorial interplay producing a wealth of themes with an exquisite mystical lustre.

The astringent purity of folk veteran June Tabor's voice and the firm instrumental backbone of those new-wave roots stars, the Oyster Band, proves a charmed coupling on Freedom and Rain (Cooking Vinyl COOK 031). The album combines traditional folk virtues and a bright, modern

Long acknowledged as the greatest "young" guitarist currently operating in the blues idiom, Robert Cray blossoms as a singer and songwriter on Midnight Stroll (Mercury 846 652-4). On downtempo tracks such as "My Prob-lem" and the pulverising "Move a Mountain", he infuses his sophisticated, neatly pressed chops with a searing dose of Stax-era soul

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC **PAUL GRIFFITHS**

MOST record companies have interpreted this year as a crescendo towards the Mozart bicentenary. The Drottningholm-based Don Giovanni (L'Oi-seau-Lyre 425 943-2, three CDs) must count as one of the most exciting reinterpretations. What matters is not only the sharpened fizz, energy and caustic drama of the period-instrument playing under Arnold Östman, but also

the excellently snave and characterful cast, led by Håkan Hagegard as Giovanni. Uniquely, the set follows the original Prague version but also includes all the music Mozart wrote for the Vienna revival. René Jacobs's performance of

Handel's Flavio (Harmonia Mundi HMC 901312.13, two CDs) is a revelation of the sensuousness that can be found in opera seria when the voices are allowed to lead and the instruments are made to bend towards and around them. Anyone who thought Handel's operas a graveyard of formal emotions should start here: the performance is luscious

Then for music of our own time, try the varied Berio triptych brilliantly performed by the Concertgebouw under Riccardo Chailly (Decca 425 832-2). The classic Sinfonia, a river of voices, instruments and allusions, has never been so well recorded; the garland of Folk Songs is startlingly well sung by Jard van Nes, and tral imagination charging on.

#### HILARY FINCH

THIS year saw the world premiere recording of the piano-accompa nied version of Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde (Teldec 2292 46276-2), and it has fleshed out the composer's own admission that what one writes has always seemed to me more important than what it is scored for". Brigitte Fassbaender, Thomas Moser and Cyprien Katsaris show Mahler's priginal piano version to be a true alternative to the orchestrated work, not merely a forerunner.

Another challenge to the pro conceptions of ear and mind is thrown out by Brigitte Fassbaen-der's recording of Winterreise (EMI CDC7 49846-2). Its superficial distinction is, of course, in being one of the few recordings of the work to be sung by a woman: its substantial value is in the way every changing colour in the voice is used to propel the listener

through Schubert's dark journey of the soul.

Rudolf Firkusny, on the other hand, has no words to help him. But his own memories of his teacher, Janáček, and the events in Czechoslovakia which surround his piano pieces, filter through into gentle, searching performances of "On an Overgrown Path", and "A Recollection in the Mist" (RCA RD 60147).

#### STEPHEN PETTITT

THE record companies might be preparing lavishly for the Mozart picentenary, but no composer was served better this year than Haydn, thanks to the English Concert's six-disc sequence of the "Sturm und Drang" symphonies. It is unfair to single out one particular disc when the playing on all six is so vibrant, but I shall choose a record which contains the three major key symphonies: Nos 41 in C, 48 in C, and 65 in A (Deutsche Grammophon Archiv 427 660-2).

If this is guaranteed to elevate the spirits, so is Andrew Parrott's uplifting account with the Taverner Choir and Players of Handel's oratorio, Israel in Egypt (EMI CDS 754018 2). Parrott's choir makes the most of the enormous variety in the piece which many more ordinary performances hide. Play it unasha-

medly londly.

My last choice is Nimbus's recording of George Benjamin's evocative and very beautiful Antara (NI 5167), a work that explores and reacts to the sounds of Peruvian panpipes, which Benjamin has manipulated with the help of IRCAM's computer. The disc also includes Jonathan Harvey's spiritual, exotic Tagore setting, Song Offerings, as well as two brief jewels by Boulez, Dérive and Memoriale. Benjamin himself conducts the London Sinfonietta.

#### JOHN HIGGINS

ROSSINI occurs regularly among the annual choices as his operas one by one are rediscovered or uncovered. Sony's La gazza ladra (S3K 45 850), led by Ricciarelli and conducted by Gelmetti, makes the best possible case for Rossini's uncharacteristically homely opera.

EMI's Hansel and Gretel (CDS 54022 2) is Jeffrey Tate's best opera recording and shows him in the post-Wagner repertory he loves. Fresh children, sturdy parents and a cackling witch what more is needed for

Christmas? Finally, in the month of Elisabeth Schwarzkopfs 75tl birthday, I will choose her Encores (EMI CDM 7 63654 2). Most of the songs on this collection, which draws on some of her earliest recordings, are disarmingly familiar and "Danny Boy" is incompar-

#### **JAZZ**

**CLIVE DAVIS** 

AS THE voice of InterCity, Leon Redbone is in danger of losing his position as a cult artist. Sugar (Private Music/BMG 260555) found him meandering down Tin Pan Alley with a band featuring Cyndi Cashdollar's dobro guitar and reeds player Ken Peplowski. In the wave of recordings by overhyped young players, Remembrance (Verve 841723) by the Harper Brothers (trumpeter Philip more individuality than most, Though Art Blakey is no longer with us, his influence lives on in this quinter.

First among equals is BG In Hi-Fi (Capitol/EMI CDP7-92864): Benny Goodman's glorious bigband and small group sessions from 1954. A sumptionally engineered recording, whipped along by crack soloists including Ruby

Books of the Year,



#### THE SUNDAY TIMES Alias myth of Jones

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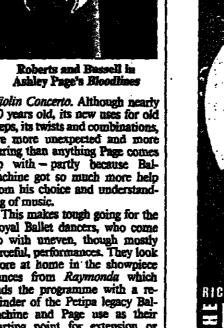
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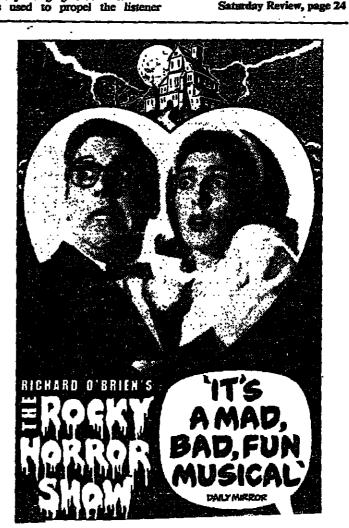


narrative without drama. Unfortunately, it all looks oldfashioned, and sounds it too, with Bruce Gilbert's tape offering a mix of highbrow rock and machine or sporing noises. Page's dislocated classicism does little for the women or the ensemble, but the three leading men all go at it

The choreography itself



contradiction. Altynai Asylmuratova gives the title part a refulgent splendour: Irek Mukhamedov looked not always at ease, although dazzling at moments. There will be more to say later about Raymonda and Violin Concerto with varied casts;



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12.15 Grandstand presented by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Rallying: Steve Rider with highlights of the Lombard RAC rally, 12.50, 1.25, 2.00 and 2.30 Racing from Chepstow; 1.10 News: 1.15 Cricket: highlights from England's first one-day international in the world senes cup in Adelaide, where their opponents are New Zealand; 1 40, 2,15, 2,45 and 4,00 Snooker: the first seven frames of the best-of-31, two-day final of the Stormseal UK professional championship from thr Guild Hall, Preston; 2.55 Rugby League: live coverage of the second half of what should be an outstanding Regal trophy first round match between Widnes and Hull; 3.50 Football half-times; 4.40 Final

5,05 News with Morra Stuart. Weather 5,15 Regional news and sport. Wales (to 6.05) Wales on Saturday

5.20 The Flying Doctors. Uncomplicated edventures with the Australian flying doctors. Coopers Crossing is thrown into chaos when Emma (Liz Burch) and Chris (Rebecca Gibney) are taken hostage by two young criminals. 6.05 The Noel Edmonds Saturday

Roadshow. The show is set in a diner and Noel Edmonds is joined by disc jockey Gary Davies, who accepts the Gunge Tank challenge, and sports personality Emlyn Hughes, who earns himself a "Gotcha Oscar" 8.50 Every Second Counts. Paul Daniels

with another edition of the quiz show in which married couples have to compete against the clock. This week's etitors come from Woodhouse competitors come non vice Mill, Sheffield, Margate and Colgrave,

Nottingham
7.25 Challenge Anneka. Schoolgid shrieks and jerky camerawork as Annelca Rice and her Challenger truck take on the impossible in a good cause. This week she is helping Scilly islanders to keep their feet dry

8.15 Film: Soul Man (1986) staming

C. Thomas Howell, Rae Dawn Chong and James Earl Jones. When his family refuses him the money to get through Harvard law school, a white student darkens his skin and wins a scholarship intended for disadvantaged black students. An often very funny satire on racial attitudes, with witty dialogue, although it sometimes overdoes the sterectype

jokes. Howelf shines as the young man with the tarning pills and there is good support from a well-chosen cast. eve Miner directs energetically. 10.00 News with John Humphrys. Sport

10.20 Ben Elfon: The Man From Auntie. Sex has never quite been the same since Elton aired his views on the subject in a monologue that can only be described as an extraordinary piece of modern comedy. Short, sharp and pointed, his words and style may not be to everybody's taste, but his message is clear - "I've done this, you've done this, we all do it and isn't it

tunny when we do?" (r) 10.50 Snooker. Highlights of the second seven frames session from today's play in the best-of-31 UK championship final at the Guild Hall, Preston. The commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Kamehm and Clive Everton 12.25am Film: Razorback (1984) starring

Gregory Harrison, Arkie Whiteley and Bill Kerr. A man searching for his missing wife, an animal rights campaigner, learns that a maneating boar is lurking outside the small Australian outback fown where she was looking into a petfood factory run by a pair of psychotic brothers. This is an enjoyable horror film with a streak of black humour. The director Russell Mulcahy learnt his trade directing rock videos for bands such as Duran Duran and was also responsible for the cult film Highlander. His strong visual style is enhanced by clever art direction and crisp editing

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6.00 TV-am 9.25 Motormouth. With Andy Crane, Gaby Roslin and Neil Buchanan. The Junior Golfers of the Year attend a rclass given by champion Nick Faldo; and there is a trip to see Cliff Richard in action

11.00 An Historic Moment: Channel Turinel Breakthrough presented by John Suchet. Coverage of the official ceremony to mark the linking of the British and the French ends of the Chennel tunnel

11.30 Motormouth continued 12.30 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves preview the weekend's sport, including tomorrow's game Detween Arsenal and Liverpool

1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.05 LWT News and weather 1.10 An Historic Moment: Channel Tunnel Breakthrough, Continued coverage of the ceremony beneath the sea

1.55 The Day I Took My HIV Test (r) 2.00 Sportsmasters. The third quarter final of the sporting quiz hosted by Dickle Davles 2.30 The ITV Chart Show. The Vintage

Video slot (eatures the Stranglers 3.30 Rags To Riches, Starring Joe Bologna as a millionaire who adopts five orphen girls

4.30 Disney Cartoon Time. 4.45 Results Service introduced by Elton Welsby 5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

5.05 LWT News and weather 5.15 Disney Cartoon Time

5.30 The New Adventures of Black Beauty: The Sea Horses. When Claire Pentland and her daughter Sere inherit a run-down property by the sea, they get more than they bargained for. They find the area full of horse rustiers and Beauty is stolen

5.00 Catchphrase. The high-tech quiz 6.30 Blind Date. Citia Black hosts the

dating game in which more contestants bare their souls in their efforts to win romance (Oracle)



A tribute to David Balt: Jim Davidson (7.30pm)

7,30 A Night Of One Hundred Stars. Cilla Black, Christopher Biggins, Shakin' Stevens, Jim Davidson, Russ Abbot, Gary Wilmot and Stanley Baxter are among the cast of dozens for a marathon variety tribute to David Bell, the television light entertainment producer and director who died in June. 10,10 News with Nicholas Owen. Sport

and weather 10.25 LWT Weather 10.30 Roald Dahl's Tales of the Unexpected: Vengeance is Mine Inc. Two impoverished students dream-

up a get-rich-quick scheme by which a gossip columnist's victims are given the chance of revenge. Starring Julian Fellowes and Bosco Hogan (/) 11.00 World Aids Day: Alison, A documentary about the life of Alison

Gertz, a 24-year-old who, since being diagnosed as having Aids, has spent her time lecturing at colleges and talking frankly about the disease 11.25 Film: An Early Frost (1985). Moving portrayal of a family's reaction to the news that their son is not only gay, but has contracted Aids. A good script is done justice by fine acting and the film admirably avoids the trap of becoming a teanerker. With Aidan Quinn, Gena Rowlands and Ben Gazzara. Directed by John Erman

1 10am Silent Screen - Hollywood and the Alds Crisis. Los Angeles critic Charles Champlin investigates the silence of the big Hollywood studios on the subject of Aids. He argues that studio heads have a responsibility to tackle this difficult subject and make the public more aware of the disease's

significance 2.10 Crossover: The Global Impact of Aids. A look at the Aids problem as it. affects different parts of the world and what measures are being taken to prevent its spread in each of the continents

out what's happening in disco

3.10 American College Football. Alebema v Louisis 4.10 The Hit Man And Her. Pete Waterman and Michaela Strechen find

clubland 5.10 IT'N Morning News with Ame Leuchers. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

9.00 Open University 10.55 Holiday Outings. Kathy Tayler travels to southern Norway to spend a self-catering holiday in a log cabin (r) 11.05 Pitfalls of a Sporting Life. The sporting series examines the body's need for the right fuel if it is to

maintain a high performance (r)
11.20 Balloon. Sue Beardsmore takes a trip in a hot-air balloon from a castle in Warwickshire to a château in lormandy (r)

11.50 The Honeymooners (b/w). Vinlage American comedy 12.15 Film: The Letter (1945, b/w).

 CHOICE: Somerset Maugham's tale of murder and betrayal on a Malayan rubber plantation has been filmed several times but never more effectively than in this version which starred Bette Davis and was directed by William Wyler, both at the peak of their reputations. Given her talent for playing scheming women, Davis was perfectly cast as the wife who kills her lover and pleads self-defence, only for the truth to emerge through a letter she wrote to her victim. Herbert Marshall, who in an earlier film adaptation had played the lover, is the deceived but forgiving husband and a lesser-known actor, Jai Stephenson, completes a trio of fine performances as the defence counsel. The opening scene, highly-charged and beautifully constructed with a perfect blend of sound and image, is justly famous

1.45 Animation Now. Matilda's Bear Head, a tale from Czechoslovakia 1.55 Discoveries Underwater. A fascinating look at underwater archaeology. Tim Pigott-Smith examines trade in the days of sailing ships and visits contrasting wreck sites from Bermuda to Hastings (r).

2.45 Mahabharat. The dramatisation of

India's epic poem continues. In Hindi with English subtitles 3.25 Film: Rogues of Sherwood Forest (1950). Lively swashbuckler which sees John Derek as the Earl of Huntingdon, the son of Robin Hood, defending his tenants against the troops of ruthless King John. Directed by Gordon Douglas 4.40 Snooker. David Vine introduces

highlights from the first seven frames of the best-of-31 final of the Storms UK professional championship 5.25 Cricket. Richie Benaud presents

highlights of the one-day match between England and New Zesland in Adelaide, part of the World Series Cup 6.15 Music for Life. Earlier this year, a host of leading classical musicians, actors and actresses gathered for a concert on the London South Bank to

raise money for Crusaid, the Aids charity. The day was filled with concerts unusual events, a delightful river journey and contrasting musical world premieres. Stephen Sondheim and Ravi Shankar composed songs and there was a spectacular work by George Benjamin, based on W.B. Yeats's haunting poem "On

6.45 Late Again. Includes a repeat of Michael Ignatieff's convers novelist Salman Rushdie 7.30 NewsView and wea

8.15 The Ring of the Nibelung. Götterdämmerung, act two. The combative historian Professor Norman Stone of Worcester College, Oxford, introduces the second act of Richard Wagner's Götterdammerung. Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts the Bavanan State Opera Chorus and

Orchestra With Rene Kollo, Hildegard Behrens and Matti Salminen 9.30 Saturday Night Clive. For the last time in the present series Clive James has predictable fun at the expense

of bizame television clips from around



the Quilt. CHOICE: An Oscar-winning documentary, namaled by Dustin Hoffman, sets the stories of five Americans who have died from Aids against the history of the disease in the United States since it first came to public attention at the beginning of the Eighties. The five are among some 13,000 victims commemorated in California in 1987. Although homosexual men, drug users and haemophiliacs, the five are constructed not as types but as human beings whose only common thread was to be with the help of home movie footage, clips charting the bafflement of the medical profession and the halfhearted response of government

week's action

11.45 Twin Peaks. Episode six of David Lynch's cult American serial (r).

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.30 News summary 7.35 International Times 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 News Summary 9.05 Channel 4
Racing: The Morning Line. A previe of today's racing and a review of the

9.25 Sing and Swing. Archive jazz from musicians of the Thirties and Forties 9.30 Same Difference. Libby Cross and Mark Todd present the programme which reflects the concerns of disabled people (r) 10.00 Check Out.

Consumer affairs (r) (Tele 10.30 Film: Andy Hardy's Double Life (1942, b/w) starring Mickey Rooney, Fay Holden, Cecilia Parker and Lewis Stone. Andy prepares to go to college but finds himself with financial and emotional problems, including two fiancées. An entertaining addition to the Hardy series. Directed by George B. Seitz

12.15 American Football: Red 42 (r) 12.50 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the 12.55, 1.25, 2.00 (William Hill Handicap Hurdle) and 2.30 (Tingle Creek Chase) races

2.50 Film: On the Avenue (1937, b/w). Musical romance with Dick Powell as the Broadway producer whose lampooning of a rich woman lands him in hot water. The slim plot is saved by the excellent performances from Powell and co-stars Alice Paye, Madeleine Carroll, and a sparkling living Berlin score. Directed by Roy Del Ruth
4.30 Four-Mations UK. Continuing the
season of work by young British

animators. Starting with Ra: The Path of the Sun God. Part three of Lesley Keen's feature focusing on ancient Egyptian beliefs 4.55 Strangers in Paradise. Andy Staveley animation about surreal goings on in a supermarket 5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext) 6.30 Right To Reply. Presented by Brian

Hayes
7.00 The World This Week. Presented by Sheena McDonald and Michael Vicholson. Followed by Weather

8.00 Adventures: Transar ○ CHOICE: Perhaps because it was made by a Frenchman, Laurent Chevalier, this first of two films about a multinational expedition across Antarctica turns out to be more personal and impressionistic than the usual exploration documentary. The broad sweep of the story, a 4,000 mile journey by dog sled which took seven months, is not neglected. There is ample coverage of the hazards of the enterprise, notably the spells of feroclous weather which trapped the team in their tents and left ice crystals hanging from their beards and eyelashes. Nor does Chevalier decline the pictorial challenge of dazzling apes. But he is also alert to the possibilities of more intimate images and the small incidents which help to reveal the flavour of the six nationalities represented on the trip. The real stars, however, are often the expedition's 42 dogs, vital to the enterprise and rightly cosseted.

9.00 LA Law. Drama with the glamorous Los Angeles law firm 9.55 Four-Mations UK: Lip Synch -Indent. Animation by Richard Goleszowski featuring bizarre happenings with Plasticine people. The soundtrack is supplied by alternative comedians Phil Nice and Arthur Smith

10.05 Red Hot and Blue. CHOICE: A rock music contribution to World Aids Day comprises an anthology of Cole Porter songs as you have probably never seen them performed before, murdered or refreshed according to taste. David Byrne of Talking Heads

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sets the tone with a version of "Don't Fence Me In" which has positively no connection with that of Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters. Shot as many of these pop videos are, in black and white, it offers a cascade of images which split the screen and show big close-ups of eyes:
and mouths. Crosby turns up later in ~ a clip from High Society, only to be upstaged by Debbie Harry and Iggy Pop with an Alex Cox-directed performance of "Did You Evah?" huilt around a bank raid. Each number is interspersed with captions giving facts and advice about Aids, with the actor John Malkovich urging the use of condoms and and someone else suggesting that rubber and love is better than peace and love

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11.35 The Week with Jonathan Ross. The ubiquitous Mr Ross puts in another accearance as he introduces the best clips from his shows 12.05am Snoops: Tango - Dance of

Death. More adventures with the incident-prone couple in this lighthearted mystery series. With Tim Reid and Daphne Maxwell Reid 1.05 The Word. Off-beat magazine hosted by Terry Christian and Amanda De Cadenet (r). Ends at 2.00

**NETWORK 2** 

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SKY ONE

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6.00am Cncket: Benson & Hedges World Senes. England v New Zesland from Adeleide 7.15 Cncket Highlights 7.45 Fun Factory 11.00 The Bionic Woman 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Chopper Squad 2.00
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Amazing Animals 4.00 Eight is Enough 5.00
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Aida, part two 4.30 Front of House 5.00
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tography Show 3.00 Wreating 4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 The Self-e-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 JSTV 10.00 The Self-e-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 (1988): A young boy summons up a purple alien with a penchant for Fiftes rock Dorset, a young boy is adopted by a smug-

(Ceefax). Ends at 12.35am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 12.30pm Fire and Ice (1983): Animat-

2.15 Hardon (1975): roywagen sec-urity chief (Seen Connery) is called in to deal with a plane hijeck 4.00 The Game of Love (1988): Ed Nazinaro and Ken Olin play the dating ga 5.50 The Alamo (1963): John Wayne the econymous fort in the fight for Tex 8.25 Crocodile Dundee it (1986): Ster 8.25 Crocodie Dunden II (1986): Star-ring Paul Hogen and Linda Kozlowski. 10.25 Fletch Lives (1989): The alsouthing journable! (Chevy Chase) Inherl Missussippi plantation and finds hithself involved in a murder mystery 12.10sm Scandel (1989). An account of the relationship between the calcinet i later John Profusto and the showgel Christine Kesler.

Christine Keeler 2.15 The Collector A disturbed young butterfly collector holds an art student (Samantha Eggar) prisoner. Ends 4.15

THE GALAXY CHANNEL 7.00sm Europius's Cartie 8.00 Tean-age Nutserf Hero Turfies: The Missing Map 8.30 Re-No. 9.30 Galexy Club Show 12.00 Jupiter Moon 1.30pm Dr Who: The Harmell Years 2.00 Cool Cube 5.00 Grange Hill The Early Years 5.30 Kids'
Court 6.00 Perker Lews Can't Lose
8.30 Designing Women 7.00 The Young
Ones 7.30 Maude. The Office Party .8.00 Big Deel 9.00 TJ Hooker Unde . Author Committee (1997) - Author Committee (1997) - Ather (1997) The Happening 11.30 Hill Street Blues: That By Fury 12.30am Donald Pleasent House of Horrors: Freaks 1.45 Night of the Living Deed 3.00 The Repeatable Up Yar News

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von Otter, mezzo-eoprano,
Ralf Gothoni, piano);

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7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Bizet
(L'Ariesienne, Suite No 2:
Uister Orchestra); Berio (Folk
Songs: Royal Concertgebouw
Orchestra); Ravel (La Valse: ra); Ravel (La Valse: VYPO)

8.30 News
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8.35 BBC PO under Bernhard Klee performs Mozart (Sixforda concertante in E flat, K 364);
Strauss (Symphonic poem, Till

tral works. 10,40 Record Release: Hartmann (Concerto funèlore: Moscow Virtuosi, with Vladimir Kokkonen (Symphony No 4: Lahti SO under Osmo

Vánskā); Liszt (Vanations on Bach's Weinen, Klagen, ainbadde (Fani hestra: BBC SO under the composer). 12.10pm Edward Gree Karajan, with Elisa rzkocł, socrano)

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University in October 11.00-2.00am John Peel

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9.30 Saturday Review. Record Review — Building a Library: Schumann's Dichleriebe, ne discs of modern choral and Spivakov, violin); Beethoven (Four hish Songs: Felicity Lott, sopreno, Ann Murray, mezzo, Galina Solodchin, violin,

talks to Elisabeth Schwarzkopf on her 75th birthday, 12.30 Strauss (Four Last Songs: 12.55pm Words, Part 1: Programme Notes of Times Past, Four

retrospective with Ni Kenyon, in which the composer conducts. Elger (Pomp and Circumstance March No 2); Stravinsky (Apollo; Three Dances from the Firebird). 2.54 Nicholas Kenyon talks to John Orummond. 3.04 Lutoslaws (Chain II: Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin); Boulez (Le Visage

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4.00 Tuning Up: Nicholas Daniel, oboe, and Joy Farrali, clarinet talk to Chris de Souza about their musical partnership and their separate solo careers. With Julius Drake, piano, they play works by Poulenc, Head, Gilson and Dvořák 5.00 Jazz Record Requests with 5.00 Jazz Record Requests with Charles Fox 5.45 Third Opinion with Christopher Cook. Includes reviews of the English National Opera's production of Debussy's Pelléas et Mélisande; the exhibition of Jasper Johns at the Hayward Gallery; and Bernardo Bertokoci's film The Sheltering Shy 6.30 Mozart Chamber Music: Hagen Quartet, with Tabes

Hagen Quartet, with Tabes. Zimmerman, viola, performs Quartet in D, K 499, K 614 7.25 The Proof, by Rodrigo Rey Rosa God's existence is put Rosa. God's existence is put to the test by a young boy. Read by Jeremy Northam 7.35 Mozan: Part 2. Quartet in A. K.

8.15 The Ring of the Nibelung, by Richard Wagner Bevarian State Opera Chorus and Orchestra under Wolfgang Sewallisch perform Götterdämmerung. Sawalisch perform Götterdämmerung, Act 2. With René Kollo, tenor as Siegfried; Hidegard Behrens, soprano, as Brünnhilde; Hans Günter Nöcker, tess-baritone, as Gunther; and Matti Salmiren. bass, as Hagen (simultanes broadcast with BSC2) 9.30 Debussy and Mathae: The ianist Gordon Fernus pansi Gordon Fergus
Thompson plays Debussy (Les
Fées sont d'exquisse
danseuses; La Terrasse des
audiences au clair de lurie;

Feux d'artifice, Prétudes, Boo 2); Methies (Soneta No 2) (r) 10.00 Issues with Robert Hewison (r) 10.25 Cornedy on the Bridge: Brno Janaček Opere Orchestra under Frantisek Jäck performs Martinu's one act opera. First broadcast on radio in 1937, it is a light-hearted satire on war

Rodway 11.25 Russian Reflections: Timothy Hugh, cello, Kathron Sturrock, piano, periorm Britten (Suite No 3 for solo cello); John Joubert (Kontakion, Op 69)

100s 1.05 The Word 2.00

Starts: 9.00em Scratch Seturday 1.00 Chaps 1.60 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.45 Chine Run 3.45 Film Uncle Yanya

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing; Weather 6.10
The Farming Week questions
the need for wholesale
markets such as Smithfield in
London 6.50 Prayer for the
Day with James Whitbourn (s)
7.00 Today, with John
Humphrys and Peter Holoriay. Humphrys and Peter Hobday, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30

lews 7.55, 8.58 Weather 9.00 Naws 9.05 Sport on 4 with Russell Davies 9.30 Breaktway: Ken Bruce with travel and holiday news. Simon Parkes visits country-Vews: Loose Ends with Ned Sharrin and cuesto (~) 10.00 Nev Sherrin and guests (s) 11.00 News; The Week in

Jenkins, associate editor of the Independent 11.30 Europhile, Max Eastermen presents the magazine
programme which gives an
insight into the lives of people
in Europe
12.00 Money Box with Louise
Botting and Vincent Duggleby
12.25pth I'm Sorry, I Harveh's A Clue:
Chaired by Hurvehey

minster with Peter

Chaired by Humphrey Lyttelton, With Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer (s) 12.55 Weather 1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a panel in Bristol (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News, Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can call Jonathan Dumbleby with their

views on the issues raised in 2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Crime of Passion, by R.E.T. Lamb. To ressanth, by http://link.com/locations/ escape her unhappy marriage to Mel (Christian Rodska), and her job as a nursemand and housekeeper to an elderly recluse, Rose (Janet Dale) spends hours browsing in the housekeep are her Capacia. bookshop run by Francis (Sleve Hodson) (s) 3.45 Uncle Cherlie's Genuine

Pensine Hat. Ray Brown tells the story of the tall, dark stranger, who returned to Yorkshire to find his tamily News; Grand Tour:

CHOICE: As week follows 4.00 Ne week, this senes which explores the link between notable people and

word myslicism in this portrait of her home city of Johannesburg, it is the heartbeat that sustains the same way that the quotes from Alan Paton's Cry. the Beloved Country touch the spiritual core of his country's tragedy. Gordiner declares Johannesburg, with its "uglinesses and tensions and overwhelming presence of black people", to be the black people", to be the reality of South Africa
4.30 Science Now with Peter Evans
5.00 Largely Walters: John Walters tackles the subject of death
5.25 Week Ending: Bill Walls, David Tate and Sally Grace with a "satirical review of the week's news (s) (r) 5.50 Stepping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition (s)
7.10 Stop the Week (s)

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7.45 Classic Serial: The Forsyte
Chronicles: The tenth of a 23part dramatisation of John
Galsworthy's saga, narrated by Dirk Bogarde
8.45 Conversation Prece: Sue
MacGregor talks to Professor
Baruch Blumberg, the first
American and the first
Scientist to become Meeter of Balliol College, Oxford (r)
9.10 Music in Mand: Brian Kay with a selection of popular melodies connected v

9.50 Ten to Ten led by the Rav David Hutt (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 News 10.15 Winne Mandela and the Football Club: in this File on 4 documentary, reporter John Carlin, investigates the allegations made against Winne Mandels and her bodyguards of assault. kidnapping and conspiracy to murder, for which Mrs Mandela will stand that next

February (r) 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes with members of t versatile Fine Arts Brass Ensemble (s) (r) 11.30 The Shiver Show: Cornedy sketches on a spooky theme, by Stuart Silver and Melcolm Williamson. With Morwana Banks, Sylvester McCoy and Gsoff McGivern (s) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forerast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m,FM-97 6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/287m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 893kHz/33m; 908kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m; Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLP: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Metody FM 104.9

2.00am Weather

The history of Alds: Dustin Hoffman (10.20pm)

the world, helped by the studio guest, Kenny Everett 10.20 Common Threads: Stories from

> destroyed by the same disease. The five stories, told by friends and relatives gain in power and poignancy by being intercut with contemporary news

panels on an Aids memorial quilt started representing the main categories at risk,

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6.55am Weather and News

Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 24 Hours 1.30 Network UK 7.45 Good Books 2.01 John Peel 2.30 Sportsworld 3.00 News 1.05 Sportsworld (cont) 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britan 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 5.00 News 5.01 Sportsworld Final Results 5.30 Londres Sion 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Houte Aktuel 7.00 German Features 7.54 News in German BJO News 8.09 Society Today 8.25 Words of Felth 8.30 A Postave Life 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Seeing Stars 9.50 From Our Own Correspondent 9.50 Write On ... 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Words of Feath 11.10 Book Choice 11.15 A July Good Show 12.00 News 6.04 Sports New 1.00 News 1.00 News 1.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 They Made Our World 2.25 Book Choice 2.30 The Matching of the Middle East 3.00 News 9.09 News About Britain 3.15 Society Today 3.30 From Our Own Correspondents 3.50 White On ... 3.59 Weather 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Revision View 4.45 News and Press Review in German

**ANGLIA** As London except: 3.30pm-4.25 The A-Team 2.10em The Hit Man and Her 4.10-5.10 Indy Car World

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7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (Overture, The

reflections on language by the composer Hugh Wood 1.00 News 1.05 Carter and Stravinsky: The Archti Quartet performs

is a light-hearted saline on war about a group of people trapped in no-man's land. With Jannita Krátldi, soprano, as Popelita and René Tučak, beritone, as Sykos 11.10 Midnight Mass: A second short story by Mechado de Assis, read by Norman Rodway

12.05em Clase

notable pourse and citiesincreasingly represents the bonding as something mystical as much as physical.

8.45 Through the Garden Gate. Dennis Comish pays a visit to a herb russery (r) visits Lindistame in the first programme of a new series exploring Celtic Christian sites in the northeast of

England 16:00 A Vous la Francel Lesson ten of a French for beginners course (r). Wales (to 12.30) See You Sunday 10.25 España Viva. Yolanda Vasquez introduces the series on Spain and

the Spanish language (r)
the Spanish language (r)
10.50 You and 92. Dick Taverne and Alan
Watson explore the effects of the single European market on communities in Britain (r)

11.25 A Way with Numbers. Carol Vorderman with more fun ways to improve your maths 11.50 Help Your Child With Reading. Advice from Maggie Philbin on helping children with reading and writing skills (1) 12.05 See Hearl Magazine programme for

the hearing impaired

12.30 Country File. John Craven with a report from Scotland on the Red Deer Commission's for the humane culting of up to 50,000 because of the prospect in case a severe winter leaves to hundreds of thousands of deer starving to death. Wales: Farming in Wales 12.55 Weather 1.00 News with More Stuart followed by

On the Record. Jonathan Dimbleby reports on the American public's reaction to a possible war in the Gulf 2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r).

3.00 Snooker. The penultimate session of the Stormseal UK championship final, from the Guild Hall, Preston, introduced by David Vine.

4.50 The Clothes Show, including a look at a Manchester batik company and what the best-dressed dogs will be wearing this winter. Plus news of the Clothes Show model competition. Presented by Selina Scott with Jeff Banks, Caryn Franklin and Sheryl

5.15 Schofield's Europe. Philip Schofield takes a balloon trip over the Alps, visits Basie's controversial Fixer House, explores the best and worst in Swiss music and relaxes at the Montreux Jazz Festival. (Ceetax)

5.45 The Chronicles of Namia: The Silver Chair. All and Eustace, together with Puddleglum the Marsh-wiggle, face dragons, giants and the mysterious Green Lady in part three of C.S. Lewis's classic children's tale. (Ceetax)

6.15 Sum Chance. More maths without tears, including a look at its use in hursing, such as for taking pulses, blood pressure and temperatures.

6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise. The work of the Children's Society is highlighted in this candle-lit Christingle service from All Souts Church, Leighton Buzzard, Presented by Martin Bashir (Ceetax) 7.15 You Rang M'Lord? Su Pollard, Paul Snane and Jeffrey Holland provide more capers above and below stars in the Meldrum residence, where George has

an illicat engagement with Lady
Agama (Ceetax)
8.05 Snooker. Further coverage of the
finet of the Stormseal UK championship from the Guild Hatl, Preston, introduced by David Vine. With commentary by Ted Lowe, Jack Kamenm and Clive Everton

9.00 House of Cards. Ian Richardson in superb form as the double-dealing chief

whip Francis Urguhart in part three of Andrew Devies a brilliant senal based on the novel by the former Thatcher nide. Michael Dobbs Thanks to Urquhert's subversion the prime minister's position looks precancus, but political journalist Mattie Storin (Susannah Harker) suspects a frame-up

10.00 News with Michael Buerk. Weather 10.15 Everyment: Killing Prests is Good

News.

CHOICE: The title of this report from the dreadful civil war in El Salvador reflects the extraordinary faith of Christians in the goodness of the human race in spite of the most persuasive evidence to the contrary. The ten-yearold conflict started as a protest by the poor against the concentration and in a handful of families. The armed forces, handsomely subsidised by the United States, have sided with the landowners. The Roman Catholic church has supported the poor and been branded as Manust. Worse, there have been recu atrocities against the cloth. This film is being shown on the tenth anniversary of the rape and murder of four American churchwomen by the national guard II distrils the El Salvadorean tragedy in the stories of three individuals, the brother of a murdered nun, a prest who narrowly escaped death and an American Jesuit from the Bronx who has decided to make El Salvedor his mission 11.05 Snootier. The climax of the

Stormseal UK Championship from Preston 12.05am Clean State. Should Muslim children in Britain be educated in separate schools? (r) 12.35 Mahabharat. Episode 29 (r)

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8.00 TV-am includes, at 8.05, Frost on

Sunday 9.25 The Disney Club, Cartoon fun 10.45 Link, Peter White talks to Professor John Hull a bland but successful academic at Birmingham university 11.00 Advent Meditation. The first of a enes of Advent meditations presented

by Frank White 12.00 The Human Factor Looks at the life and work of Charlie Mackesy, an accomplished painter and selfproclaimed "scruffy wally". He spends much of his time spreading his own brand of Christianity with an infectious

12.30 LWT News Weekend 1.00 News with Nicholas Owen Weather 1.10 Walden. Brian Walden interviews the deputy leader of the Labour party, Roy

Hattersley
2.00 The Tunnel. The story of the planning and building of the Channel

2.55 The Match. Live coverage of the first division game at Highbury between Arsenal, smarting from their heavy home defeat midweek against Manchester United, and Liverpool who last week dropped their first home points of the season. The

commentator is Brian Moore
5.05 Sunday Sunday Gloria Hunniford's
guests are Jean Bont, Ned Sherrin, Rick
Partitt and Francis Rossi of Status Quo, and Kenny Rogers The critics are Derek Jameson and model Denice

6.00 The River Thames. Continuing the series which examines the history of London's over This week includes a look at the creation of the Tharnes

8.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 6.35 LWT News and weather 8.40 Highway Sir Harry Secombe spends Advent Sunday in the Vale of Evesham

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7.15 Coronation Street: The First Episode (b/w). Thirty years ago the programme began life as a local drama senal it was transmitted live in the north for six months until 1961, when the rest of the country started seeing the sage in this first episode, Florne Lindley settles in at the shop and gets to know her neighbours, including the feuding Tanners, Ken Barlow with his romantic troubles and the formidable Ena Sharples

7.50 It'll Be Airight On The Night. Denis Norden presents another in the series of comical out-takes usually left on the cutting room floor 8.50 News with Nicholas Owen Weather 9.05 LWT Weather

9.10 Come Home Charlie And Face Them. Episode two of Alun Owen's polished period drama based on the novel by R F Deiderheld Charle and Delphine are drawn to each other -but for very different reasons. Bored by has constant meaning about the treatment he receives at the bank she goads him into a plan to rob it.

(Oracle)
10.25 Spitting Image As one of the country's top puppets bites the dust and a new rubber double moves into the premier position

10.50 The South Bank Show.

CHOICE With lour firl musicals

from Cats to Miss Saigon in the West End. and more than 40 productions running throughout the world, Cameron Mackintosh can claim to be the theatre's most successful impresario. Daniel Wiles's profile follows the usual South Bank Snow format of an

impresario: Cameron Mackintosh (10.50pm)

interview between the subject and Melvyn Bragg, filled out with comments from colleagues and clips from the shows. A theatre critic provides the sole note of dissent, suggesting that Mackintosh did a disastrous sanitising job on Sondheim's Follies Otherwise it is a mainly laudatory study of a man who foreshadowed his future career by calling himself Darryl F Mackintosh while still at school. The early years are the more interesting, distinguished by flop after flop including a disastrous stage version of The Cales until the shrewd use of Arts Council money for a revival of My Fan Lady set Mackintosh on the way to the top

11.55 Comics, The Ninth Art. Senes on the history of comics 12.30 Frank Sinatra: The Voice. The career of Frank Sinatra is traced through an entravagenza of song 1.30 The Time Tunnel. Pirates of Dead

Man's Island 2.30 Pick of the Week presented by

3.00 Indy Cart World 4.05 Portrait of America. West Virginia

travelogue 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

#### BBC 2

7.30 King Rollo. Cartoon (r) 7.35
Playdays (r) 7.55 is That a Fact? The legend of Prince Liewelyn's Fasthful Hound (r) 8.10 Pinocchio. Animated

\*8.30 Movable Feasts, Multi-faith drama for children 8.45 Litt'l Bits, Cartoon fun about podes in an enchanted forest 9.10 Corners, Sophie Aktred, Stephen Johnson and Jo Kome answer young viewers' questions (1) 9.30 Dungeons and Dragons (r) 9.55 Blue Peter Omnibus (r) 10.40 Maid

Marian and Her Merry Men (r) 11.10 Boxpops. Music, television clips and viewers' voxpops (r) 11.50 The Q-Zone 12.50 Regional reviews of the parliamentary week. Wales: See Hee Northern Ireland. Raw 12.30 Scrutmy. A look at the work of MPs rliamentary week. Wales: See Hearl:

in Committee. (Ceetax)

3.00 Film: Captains Courageous (1937, b/w). A rich bral (Freddie Bartholomew) falls over the side of an ocean liner and is rescued by a small fishing boat. Spencer Tracy brings him down to size and then teaches him a few things about life at sea. Pleasant yarn based on a Rudyard Kupling novel. Tracy won an Oscar for his performance. With Lionel Barrymore and Mickey Rooney. Directed by Victor Fleming

2.50 Animation Now. Caraction cartoon about a boy who finds a magic flute 3.00 Film: Local Hero (1983).

• CHOICE: Bit Forsyth of Gregory's Girl directed this latter-day Ealing comedy about an American oil company coming up against the canny inhabitants of a Scottish fishing village where it is trying to build a refinery. Superficially the theme has affinities with Ealing's Whisky Galore

ant: Fulton Mackey (3.00pm)

and The Maggie, also set in Scotland and showing the locals bending together against outsiders. But the essence of Forsyth's gentle humour is to dwell on ironles and incongruities, which often means subverting audience expectations in Local Hero not only do the villagers welcome the refinery for what they can make out of it but the Americans tall in love with the village they set out to destroy Peter Riegert and Peter Capaidr are the oilmen, with Denis Lawson and Fulton Mackay leading for the locals and Burt Lancaste as an amateur astronomer who comes to the film late and very nearly steads if. (Cestax) 4.45 Animation

5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the ADT divisional championship match between London Division and North Division. Wales: Tenby v Llandovery and Dunvant v Wrexham

6.00 The Money Programme. Tom Maddocks reports on the Dutch electronic giant Philips's struggle to preserve its position as a leading world company in consumer electronics

6.40 The German Elections. Reports on the first German elections since reunification from David Dimbleby in Bonn and Peter Snow in Berlin 7.15 The Triefs of Life: Friends and Rivals. Continuing David Attenborough's fescineting look at strange and wonderful behavious in the

enimal world (r). (Ceetax) 8.05 Not Only . . . but Also . . . (b/w). Vintage Sodies comedy from Peter Cook and Dudley Moore (r). (Ceetax) B.35 Nippon: Being Japanese. The

illuminating senes about post-war Japan looks at attitudes to work. Did you know that the average Japanese 2,100 hours a year, compared to 1,900 hours in Britain and the United States? Or that Japanese holidays are shorter and that half the workforce do not take their full entitlement? In asking how the Japanese are different the programme concentrates on the Japanese work ethic and workers' loyalties towards family and

9.35 Film: Club Paradise (1986) Dreary comedy with Robin Williams as a Chicago fireman who retires to the Canbbean, where he is persuaded by regge singer Jimmy Cliff to sink his money into a run-down holiday resort. Plenty of talent on display, plenty of beautiful scenery to admire, and plenty of tedious dross to wade through if you want to catch the few worthw moments in this hotch-potch of a movie. With Peter O'Toole, Twiggy and Rick Moranis. Directed by Harold

11.10 The German Elections. Further coverage of today's German elections 12.00 Dance Energy (r) 12.40am Repido. Antoine de Caunes is the link man for the informative pop magazine senes (r) Ends at 1.15

CHANNEL 4 6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00 Pet World. Dubtin vet John Wilson explores the relationships between

people and their pets 7.30 Once upon a Time . . . Life. Cartoon series exploring the different functions of the human body (r) 8.00

Dennis. The mischievous carroon character Dennis creates more maynem 8.30 Bobobobs, Animated ventures 9.00 Early Bird 9.25 Orientations. This week's edition examines the future of Hong Kong's

avant-garde theatre 10.00 A Week in Politics - Second Reading. Includes European politicians with advice on Europe for Mr Major 10.45 Dennes, Cartoon 11.00 Owl TV investigates how hundreds of swans are damaged by fishing tackle (r) 11.30 Grim Tales. Rik Mayali with th Rumpelstiffskin (r) 11.45 The Astrology Show
12.00 The Waltons 1 00 Voyage to the

Bottom of the Sea. Vintage science fiction senes 2.00 Four-Mations UK. Quartet. A four-

part musical work by Clive Walley in which the animation is created by using an abstract painting and changing if bil by bit. Followed by Whate Song. A haunting elegy to the whale population created by Geraid Conn; and Out to Lunch. Leeds Animation Workshop present a story warning women against men who take up too

much space
2.45 A Clean Sweep (1958, b/w) Short
comedy film starring Thora Hird as a
woman trying to keep her family of gamblers and spendthrifts in check. Also stars Enc Barker and Bill Frase Directed by Maclean Rogers

3.20 Four-Mations UK: Big World Animators, Second of two documentanes shot at last year's Bristol Festival, looking at the career Mark Baker Followed by The Three Knights, a full screening of Mark Baker's first film. The Hill Farm, Mark Baker's Annecy Grand Prox winner about a hill-top larming tamely, and Cabaret aremated humans perform

death-defying teats
4.15 Nat King Cole Show (b/w). 4.45 Answering Back Mary Goldring talks to Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, about the molications of the Broadcasting Bill

ws summary and weather followed by Road to Avontea. The adventures of ten-year-old Sara Stanley in her new Canadian home town 6.30 The Cosby Show



7.00 Equinox: The Gold Brush - Paint's CHOICE. A documentary on the

paint industry starts almost like a promotional film, extolling the virtues of count for decoration and preservation. celebrating the survival of small specialist businesses alongside giants Such as ICI and uncrincally recording advances in quick drying and smooth finish As if suddenly reme

that Equinox is supposed to be a science series, the film also offers an easy-to-tollow lesson in how paint is made, dissecting the essential trinity of resin, pigment and solvent. After the commercial break the tone becomes sharper as the film tackles health and environmental concerns Paint, it ms, can not only pollute the atmosphere but cause cancer and brain damage. But "green" paint is likely to be so expensive that it could mean the end of those little family businesses that provide the industry with vanety and not a little eccentricity 8.00 American Football. The leatured

game is the Philadelphia Eagles at the Buffalo Bills 9.30 Four-Mations UK. The State of the Art 5. A documentary showing how many young British animators take their inspiration from the surreal puppet

animation pioneered in Europe The programme includes the premiere of Andrew McEwen's *Toxic* 10.00 Film: The National Health (1973) starring Donald Sinden and Jim Dale. Peter Nichols s hilanous black comedy, adapted from his play, in which a rundown NHS hospital is contrasted with the glossy world of medical soap poeras. Also stars Lynn Redgrave and Eleanor Bron.

Directed by Jack Gold 11.50 Four-Mations UK: The Web - an example of Gothic horror skilfully used by Joan Ashworth Followed by Comucopia, Paul Couvela created this story of strange events in a medieval tavem Nursery Rites: Nick Herbert was the creator of this animated tale has own biography but twisted slightly; and The Street of Crocodites Quay Brothers excursion into strange lands, this time using Polish writer Bruno Schulz Ends at 12.55am

#### DIVIVARIATIONS:

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Callege Chair, Cambridge; Jacques Orchestra under David Wilcocks); Lekeu

(Adagos for strings, Op 3: (Adagos for strings, Op 3: (Adarte Carlo PO under Armin Jordan): Bruch (Volan Concerto No 3 in D minor, Op 58: Laspzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurf Masur, with Sahestone Accardo)

with Salvatore Accardo

Gruberová Sings Strauss: Lieder gywn at the 1990 Vienna Festival by Edita Gruberová, soprano, and Fredrich Haider, pieno. Zusignung; Die Nacht; Wer hat's gethen?; Berkarole; Du menes Herzena Kronalein; Cácifie; Blauer Sommer; Liechochumnus; W

Wenn . . ; Liebeshymnus; Wir beide wollen springen; Glückes genug; Junghesenlied, Ein Obdach

gegen Sturm und Regen; Einkehr, Klingt; Waldseligkeit; In goldener Fülle

In goldener Fille
3.30 Poet of the Month: Poet and
columnist P.J. Kavanagh talks
to Cive Wilmer
3.50 Bournemouth SO under Kees
Bakels performs Mendelssohn
(Overrure, Ruy Blas, Op 95);
Liszt (Pano Concerto No 1);
Reviews (Sumplane, No 3 in

D manor) (r) 5.15 Opera News, with James

Naughtie 6.00 Advent Carol Service: Live

Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in

from the Chapel of St John's

College, Cambridge 7.30 Sunday Play: Jenkin's Ear. The

first of three of the best productions from Radio 3's

Critics' Choice senes. Dusty Hugnes's contemporary thriller finds two very different

journalists (Joss Ackland and

under Edward Downes, with Dennis Simons, violin, performs McCabe (Concerto

Peter Blythe) involved in political intrigue in a Central American republic (r) 9.25 John McCabe at 50, BBC PO

No 2, Concerto for orchestra) 10.30 Opus 130: The last public

lecture by Harls Keller on

Bechoven's late quartet (r) 11,35 Brahms Songs: Ruud van der Meer, bartone, and Rudolf Jansen niene natural i

Meer, bantone, and Rudolf Jansen, peano, perform Lied, Op 3 No 6. Nachtigellen Schwingen, Op 6 No 6; Abschied, Op 69 No 3, Im Garten am Segestade, Op 70 No 1; Am Sonntagmorgen, Op 49 No 1; Frintangelled, Op 86 No 4; Komm bald; Trennung, Op 97 Nos 5 and 8; Auf die Kirchhote, Op 105 No 4; Satamender, Op 107 No 2; Es scheuern die Blumen, Op 98 No 3

No 3 12.00 News 12.05am Close

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News Cantatas in Contrast: J.S. Bach (Cantata No 130, Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir: Soloists; Heibronn Heinrich Schutz Choir, Plorzheim CO nder Werner; Choral prelude Nun komm, der Harden Heiland, BWV 599; Helmut Walcha, organ; Cantata No 61, Nun komm, der Heiden Heriand) 15 Busch String Quartet performs

51); Brahms (Quartet in A minor, Op 51 No 2) 1800-1900, Rimsky-Korsekov (Sadko, Op 5: USSR SO under Sveitanov); Brehms (Clannet Quintet in B minor, Op 115: Gabrieli Quartet, with The& Caphea Littarier, with the King); Debussy (Trois chansons de Bâites Sarah Walker, mezzo, Roger Vignoles, piano); Fibich (Symphony No 2 in E flet, Op 38; Brio State PO under Jin Mendhauet)

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8.00 Punters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustries and quints. With Susan Menting (r) 8.40 Reading Aloud: The third in a sense of non-fiction readings, Karl Johnson reads the second extract from Ten Days That Shook Czschoslovaka, Rudolf Krejcik's eyewithess account of the events in account of the events in

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# 500 troops are sent to Ulster after Christmas bomb warning

By Edward Gorman, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE army has sent 500 more soldiers to Northern Ireland to counter an expected Christmas bombing and shooting campaign by the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries. The army said the Second Battalion The Light Infantry had been deployed on a temporary basis following a warning from Hugh Annesley, the chief constable of the RUC.

The deployment, the first extra troops sent to the province since 1986, was welcomed by unionist politicians. The Rev Willam McCrea, MP for Mid-Ulster, said the IRA would never be deterred until war was waged against them. "The number of extra troops is not the most important part of the equation but the manner in which they are used," he said. "I do not want more sitting ducks for IRA

#### Gorbachev visit off

Continued from page 1 primitive weapons, who had set off to the south-west and east in an unsuccessful attempt to thwart bids for regional autonomy.

The predominantly Russian Dniester area in the east held elections last weekend, despite a ban from Kishinev, and convened its first "parliament" yesterday. The predominantly Turkish region, which styled itself the Gagauz republic convened its parliament (amid ethnic Romanian threats) a month ago.

The ethnic Romanians of Moldavia are some of the most nationalistic-minded of all the Soviet Union's ethnic groups and dominate the republic's parhament. A strong movement favours secession and union with

neighbouring Romania. The prior announcement of the Moldavia visit, unusual for the Kremlin even in times of glasnost, was seen, like the trip itself, as a public relations exercise, designed to convince the public that their president did not travel exclusively abroad. Mr Gorbachev's foreign visits this autumn have been strongly criticised.

murderers but the use of those presently here in a manner that will ensure the eradication of

Mr Annesley said that the public should be on full alert. He added that extra measures taken by the police and army would cause some disruption.

The new troops take the total of regular soldiers in the province to around 11,000, the highest level since the early 1980s. The Light Infantry who earlier this year completed a six month tour in South Armagh, are being deployed in several areas including Belfast. The decision to send them back

comes at the end of a year in which 72 people have been killed, a total already 10 higher than that for the whole of last year. Of this year's deaths, 46 have been among civilians and 26 from the various branches of the security forces. But the final figure may not mark 1990 as a particularly bad year. In the past decade the numer of deaths have been more than 90 a year on four occasions.

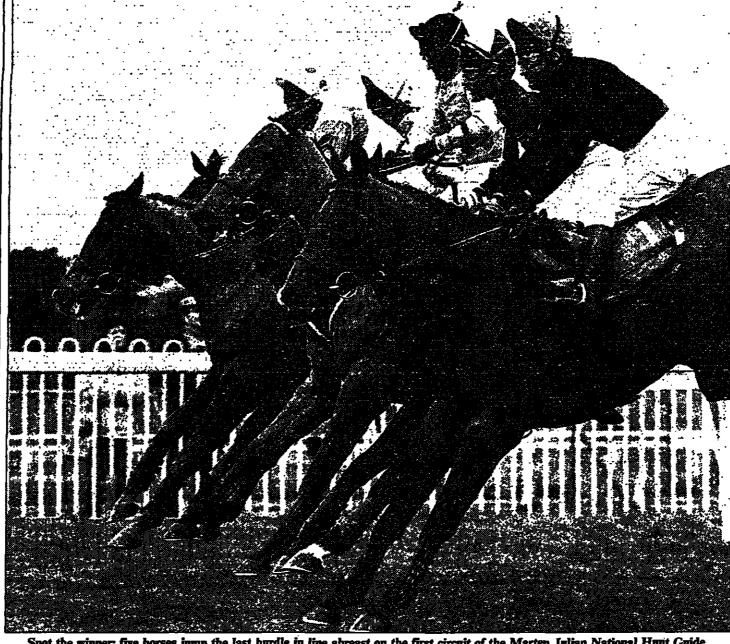
The worrying factor this year is the tit-for-tat killings by loyalist and republican groups of the past two months during which a third of all this year's victims have died. During the same period the IRA has launched devastating "human bomb" attacks on army checkpoints and last week attempted to detonate the biggest bomb it has assembled in a bid to destroy a border checkpoint.

The main threat over the next few weeks is understood to be from the IRA. Yesterday's decision was probably in response to information from informers. One possibility is that the provisionals may try to launch a new bombing campaign in Belfast to undermine the city's newfound prosperity.

In the last week of September the IRA organised 33 bomb hoaxes in and around the city and planted four incendiary devices in shops, two of which caused serious

• Two policemen were slightly injured last night in a explosion at a sentry post outside the north Belfast home of a High Court judge, Mr Justice Higgins.

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Spot the winner: five borses jump the last hurdle in line abreast on the first circuit of the Marten Julian National Hunt Guide novices' race at Sandown Park, Surrey. The eventual winner was Book of Gold, nearest to the camera, ridden by Richard Rowe

#### BAe lays off 5,000 as jet orders decline

By TIM JONES AND RONALD FAUX

TRADE union leaders yesterday called for direct government intervention to rescue British workers from the price of the "peace dividend" as British Aerospace finally announced it was to close two military aircraft plants with the loss of 5,000 jobs.

Partly because of the end of the Cold War and the associated decline in fighter aircraft orders, the company is to close its plant at Kingston upon Thames by the end of 1992 and cease production at its Preston, Strand Road site, early the following year.

The company said the decision to reduce the workforce in its military aircraft division from 27,000 to 22,000 had been taken

because of advances in manufacturing technology and by the changing international market.

Production workers at Kingston, a 33-acre site, valued at up to £20 million by developers, are involved in the manufacture and updating of Harrier Vertical Take-Off planes for the RAF and United States Marine Corps. Workers on the 22-acre Preston site, another valuable asset, work on the production of Tornado fighters and Hawk trainer craft. They are also involved in development of the proposed new generation fighter, the jointly funded Euro-

pean Fighter Aircraft. For some of the employees at the Strand works, the bitterness was tinged with anger when they learnt of their fate by way of an

impersonal presentation by John Weston, the managing director of BAe's military aircraft division, on a giant television screen.

Sydney Gillbrand, chairman of BAe's aerospace division said: "The measures being taken are designed solely to protect the military aircraft business over the next decade and beyond." Mr Weston said the company had to reduce its manufacturing costs if it was to remain competitive. In Preston, workers said they

were devastated by the announcement and Harold Parker, leader of the borough council, said he had written to Michael Heseltine, the environment minister, for grant aid to redevelop the land and assist in training programmes. He said: "They are blaming the

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impact as the price of peace between East and West for the lack of future orders for warplanes, but it appears the company has few plans to accommodate this and

seek work on other projects." The closure announcement led to immediate calls for John Major to become an interventionist prime minister and combat what Bill Morris, the deputy generalsecretary of the transport workers' union, called the "biggest demobilisation since the war".

• Rover jobs: The Rover car company said yesterday it would be shedding 500 jobs over the next 12 months at its Longbridge, Birmingham, plant but said the losses would be accounted for by early retirement or the transfer or workers to other plants.

#### Major seeks end to split on Europe

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exercise in papering over the cracks rather than putting forward genuine policy proposals. Roy Hattersley, the party's deputy leader, said the Tories were still seriously split over Europe. Conservative Euro-sceptics will

be concerned that the Foreign Office has emerged as the leading ministry in drawing up the document, given its traditionally pro-European stance. However, those Conservatives who want to see Britain adopt a more enthusiastic attitude towards the EC will be encouraged that the foreign sec-retary's initiative has been given the prime minister's blessing.

The proposed paper is expected to set out the government's philosophical stance towards the community, emphasising its belief in a free-market, free-trading, open and liberal organisation. It would go on to set out policy on a single currency and political union, bringing together positions set out by both Mr Major and Mr Hurd in recent months.

The former chancellor is the

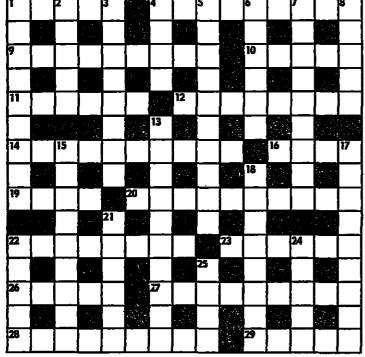
chief architect of the "hard ecu" but is opposed to the imposition of a single currency. Mr Hurd has said the EC must clarify the level at which decisions are taken and has declared his opposition to a big extension of qualified majority voting or substantial new powers for the European Parliament. He has backed greater co-ordination of foreign policy and has called for more efficiency and democratic accountability in the community. Mr Hurd first revealed his

interest in a document clarifying the government's stance on November 16 when he said in Leeds that after the leadership contest the cabinet would have to 'draw the threads together" over policy towards the EC

In a move certain to displease the government, parliamentarians from the 12 EC nations yesterday called for steps towards a Euro-pean federation (Peter Mulligan writes). A declaration calling for an autonomous central bank, a single currency and more powers for the European Parliament was passed by 150 votes to 13.

The vote came after a meeting in Rome of members of the parliament and all the 12 national parliaments. The meeting was described, at the suggestion of President Mitterrand of France, as the European "assizes". The aim was to enable parliamentarians to express their views before the EC summit in the city.

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,466



#### ACROSS

- 1 First signs: mound under mandible, perhaps, swelling? (5).
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- 11 Deserts bloody conflict in the
- interior (6). 12 He is the first to speak on behalf
- of a Pretender (8). 14 Dutch house-white — a bloomer, regionally distributed! (6-4).
- 16 Workers in a building society?
- 19 A burden to old seamen (4).
- 20 May live with an old English character (10).
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- 23 Cycle enclosure (6). 26 Reversible conviction? (5).
- 27 Take it in turns to be deputy (9),
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 c. Harmonics

POURPOINT a. A French punctuation dash b. A type of embroidery stitch

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Concise Crossword, page 19

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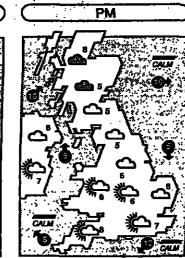
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ANDRE Agassi (above), who leads the American challenge for the Davis Cup in Florida this weekend, is unashamedly the product of a commercial age, designed, built and pack-aged to sell things to the youth

But, as his victory in the ATP Tour finals in Frankfurt last month demonstrated, there is more to Agassi than a gaudy public image. Andrew Longmore, Tennis Corres-pondent, considers a player who must be taken

#### RACING

#### Selling point

THE Jockey Club called on the Tote yesterday to consider buying the 1,600-strong William Hill betting shop chain if it is offered for sale by the troubled Brent Walker group. The financial plight of the sport might be greatly improved if Britain's second largest bookmaking group were to come under Tote

SKIING

#### **Snow start**



of Austria, begins her defence of the women's World Cup at Val Zoldana, in Italy, today. Her greatest rival is likely to be her compatriot, Anita Wachter, the double Olympic champion..... ..... Page 32

CRICKET

#### New guard

JOHN Morris replaced Alec Stewart in the England team to play New Zealand in the World Series Cup in Adelaide today. Morris scored 63 as England beat the Australian Cricket Academy yesterday.

**RUGBY UNION** 

#### Board view

THE International Rugby Football Board, under pressure form the Rugby Football Union, has been forced to backtrack on the decision, taken six weeks ago, which 

**GOLF** 

#### High flier



GREG Norman (above) scored the first albatross of his career with a two at a par five 575-yard hole in the Australian Open yesterday. He finished the day with a two-round total of 138 to lead the field by two strokes ... Page 32

ATHLETICS

#### Running past

OXFORD and Cambridge compete in the one hundredth University cross country race on Wimbledon Common today. Chris Brasher and Christopher Chataway, both past winners for Oxford, are running in a special old Blues race to commemorate the Centenary ......

# Liverpool may suffer the Arsenal backlash

By CLIVE WHITE

AS JOHN Major, Chelsea's best known supporter, might reflect; a week is a long time in football. It must seem so to Arsenal In the past few days their own hopes of leadership have risen and fallen dramatically, their Rumbelows Cup misery threatening to run over into the League.
The week will seem even longer

should Arsenal recover their poise to beat Liverpool in tomorrow's championship showdown at Highbury. It is not a prospect anticipated by many after the mauling they received from Manchester United on Wednesday But Tarry Varables who day. But Terry Venables, who admits to a vested interest in an Arsenal victory over the runaway leaders, firmly believes that Arsenal could be as dangerous as a

wounded tiger.
"Their pride will have been hurt
badly. We've always worried
about the repercussions when Liverpool lose a game. Now it might work in reverse," he said. Of course, his Tottenham Hotspur team, who are in third place, have almost as much to gain as Arsenal should Liverpool suffer their first League defeat of the season. Provided they win at Cheisea today, by the end of the weekend Tottenham could find themselves six points off the pace

and reason enough to dream.

No one knows better than Venables how George Graham, the Arsenal manager, will respond to this week's humiliation. Their friendship goes back to the mid-1960s when they played together in the same Chelsea side. In much later years, Graham served under Venables as a player and then coach at Crystal Palace. Venables was even best man at Graham's

"I know George well. There will be certain goals and things which happened against United about which he will not be happy. These things happen, when you lose a bad goal and try too hard to pull it back too quickly. You leave yourself open. They got overexcited when they recovered to 2-

"The fact is you will see a different Arsenal on Sunday. They'll play more cautiously. George will get the defence in order. They've already proved that it's a good defence. They'll be even more professional though I don't expect them to play with five at the back," Venables said.

What some people did not appreciate, Venables felt, was that Wednesday's game was a cup-tie. When they were three goals be-hind, Arsenal were obliged to chase the game. There was no point in them cutting their losses as they might have done in a League match or play with their normal reserve.

Venables expected the match against Liverpool to be played in a markedly different atmosphere of caution. "It's going to be a very tight game until there is a goal. Neither team will want to give too much away. That's what hap-pened with us for 40 minutes when we played Liverpool re-cently. We had the edge on them, in my opinion, and the first goal was all important. I still don't know how that game would have gone if we hadn't conceded that goal. That's my frustration," Venables said.

Searching for an Achilles heel in



My way: George Graham tells Arsenal players how to get Manchester United out of their system

the Liverpool side is usually a favourite, uscless pastime of oppo-sition managers. Some may feel that Niall Quinn uncovered such a weakness with his aerial domi-nance for Manchester City over Liverpool last Saturday, but Venables disagreed. At 6ft 4in, the former Gunner, Venables believes, had a head start on most

"I think they can handle aerial work as well as anyone. Indeed, I think Hysen, for instance, is better equipped to handle the English game than the Italian one with little fast fellers nipping around. Swedes are naturally good athletes. Gillespie, Nicol, Burrows, and Ablett can all do that job competently enough. I don't think there's an aerial weakness in the general sense, but there might be an aerial weakness under pressure. like that which Crystal Palace subjected them to in last season's

"When they're not happy. Liverpool tend to back off on to their goalkeeper. I saw that in the semi-final when Grobbelaar was having to come through players to collect the ball. They blamed him for having a bad game, but his natural instinct is to go towards the ball, and he had so many

# TOP OF TABLE

people on top of him." Every Arsenal supporter cherishes the memory of the Michael Thomas goal at Anfield two seasons ago which clinched the championship from under the noses of Liverpool. But how many can recall Arsenal's first goal, by Alan Smith? It was another example, Venables said, of Liverpool's fallibility under pressure.

"The action ended up very close to goal and Smith, on a free kick, got a little flick. If they had kept him further out it wouldn't even have reached the goal, never mind scored. When the Liverpool defence is filled with uncertainty, it backs off instead of holding its line. That might be nit-picking because they're certainly a good side," he said.

If Arsenal need to be as good as they were two seasons ago to overhaul Liverpool again, then

Venables. "I think the present side compares very favourably with the one which took the championship. The absence of Rocastle might have made some difference but then Limpar has given them something that they didn't have before. I think Seaman is a good what happened on Wednesday,"

he szid,

that considering Venables gave Graham his grounding in coaching, the Arsenal manager, while assuming some of Venables's qualities, should have adopted a quite different philosophy on how the game should be played.
Arsenal are as introvert as Tottenham, their great rivals, are extrovert. But Venables is respectful of the side which Graham has assem-bled at Highbury. Despite the club suffering the heaviest defeat at home in 69 years, he does not expect the team to be subjected to

It does seem strange, though

in government recently. "It's a good squad, a good side with good players," he said. "For what they want to do, it's the sort of squad George would like. I think he's happy with it."

the kind of major reshuffling seen

Arsenal's borden, page 33

# Minister's move will be a boost for school sport

IN A surprising but welcome move Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, has been switched from the environment department to the Department of Education and Science. The prime minister, John Major, whose interest in cricket and football is well known, has made the change because he wants to develop sport among youngsters and feels this can be better achieved within the education department

Atkins, who is an old friend of the prime minister, said yesterday that he was delighted, as he will be working with Kenneth Clarke, who is also a sports enthusiast.

"The move will allow me to develop closer and stronger links between sporting activity and young people, an area which is of particular interest and concern," he said. "The job will now encompass an involvement with the development of physical edu-cation in schools at all levels."

The preliminary report of the government's working party on the place of physical education in state schools, and its role in the national curriculum, is due later this month.

Atkins believes that there are not enough team games played during the time allotted to physical education in schools. Given his background of cricket and football at Highgate, his member-ship of MCC and Lancashire County Cricket Club and his enthusiasm for rugby union, this is not surprising.
However, it runs counter to the

thinking of Elizabeth Murdoch, a member of the government's working party for the curriculum, who believes that although team games are valuable there is still a bias in their favour and this will have to change in the 1990s.

The move completes a full circle for the office of minister for sport. When Lord Hailsham took on the post in 1964 it was as part of the education department. When De-

nis Howell was the incumbent it eventually moved to the department of housing and local government, which later became the environment department, and has remained there until this latest

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR), which represents the national governing bod-

ies, welcomed the move.
"It is a gut feeling on the part of the prime minister and Atkins to do this," he said. "I'm sure they are keen on sport for young people and I am absolutely in favour of it. We cannot afford to lose a generation because of the decline of sport in our schools."

He said that sport had suffered from the machinery of government, with sport in schools being part of the Department of Edu-cation and Science whereas outside the school it had previously been the responsibility of the environment department.

However, he pointed out that the move would create problems because the Department of the Environment is still responsible for access to the countryside and the pollution of rivers, both of which concern sport.

He said that he looked forward with confidence to Atkins now being promoted to minister of state and eventually to cabinet

Lawson said that Atkins's first task on Monday, when he will take up the appointment (although the rest of his department will not move for about a formight), will be to see how many physical education staff have been lost because of financial cutbacks in recent years.

This, Lawson said, had greatly handicapped the development of not only school sport but also of British sport.

CCPR conference, page 36

#### Coach insists players need extra pressure

yesterday came to the defence of rugby union's divisional champdivisional tournament, which starts today and continues over the next two weekends, is an essential part of the English programme.

"The games are a step up in standard and they provide more of the pressure that the top players are going to have to get used to,"

"I know that we have had league games through the autumn but when the pressure is on, some players start to struggle. They don't want to keep going; it is easier to drop out. This goes back

to the take-it-or-leave-it attitude

DICK Best, the London coach, which used to be around in English rugby and is still in the back of some people's minds. But we want to compete with the New Zealanders and Australians that attitude is not good enough."

Best's comment follows the suggestions of Richard Hill, the Bath and England scrum half, that leading players would benefit more from a rest rather than face the additional pressures of di-visional rugby after the busy programme of league games.

But Best disagrees: "It is very easy for Richard to assume he is a certainty in the England team but to my mind the top players should keep going out and proving it.

North send-off, page 34

# Land of the Rising Cricket Ball

fter all the heady success of the England cricket team this year, order has been restored, and we are free once again to make jokes about English cricket. For example: do you think they would have a chance against Japan? Loughborough College has just announced that they will be sending a team out there next autumn to play in Kobe, Yokohama and Shizuoka.

The Japan Cricket Association has been a member of the International Cricket Conference since last year. The association has also established the Transpacific Friendship Cup, also known as the Coupe de Cricket de l'Amitie Transpacifique, and it will be contested for the first time in Noumea, New Caledonia in January: already this sounds like the cricket fixture of the year.

Naturally, Japanese cricket began as an expat game and was played chiefly in the port cities of Kobe and Yokohama. The first reported game was in 1865 and the players wore sidearms because of the political tensions of the time. A cricket ground in Yokohama, banned to Japanese, was the cause of a diplomatic incident in 1910. However, since these days the Japanese have begun to play, intrigued by "the intellectual and tactical aspects", as a letter to The Times said in

Players have adopted a new cricketing vocabulary, which includes the Geisha Glance and the Yokohama Yorker. The Times letter predicted a great future for Japanese cricket: "Japan is, after all, the only country with a cricket ball at the centre of its flag".

SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

John Major, winner of one of the week's sporting contests, is, as the world is, as the world knows, the youngest British prime minister since Lord Rosebery, Rosebery married a Rothschild, became PM and, in the same year, won the Derby. He then received a telegram saying "Only Heaven left". But Rosebery won the Derby twice more. Follow that, Mr Major.

ore on Japanese sport.
"We will not allow VI gangsters to join our clubs, nor allow them on our courses, and we will not allow people with tattooes in our showers," a pamphlet from the Council to Rid Chiba Golf Courses of Gangsters declares. Gangsters, or "tattooed men", as they are called, have been increasingly attracted to the high-status game of golf.

Police estimate that there are 90,000 gangsters in Japan. These people keep such a high profile that they even wear lapel pins to show which gang they belong to. They operate in the usual depressing areas of gambling, extortion and drugs.

Gangsters were looked on as an

unavoidable evil on golf courses, but as it became clear that the courses were used for enormous gambling and murder, golf course owners in Chiba have grouped together to do something about it. They want to keep gangsters off

foreign cars and are surrounded by bodyguards," the pamphlet says. "They wear their hair in tight, short curls or have shaved heads and wear sunglasses. Part of the little finger on their left hand is missing. To hide their tattoos, they wear long-sleeved shirts even in summer.'

wish to erase the memory of the 6-2 home Wednesday in time for tomorrow's match at home against Liverpool, sprinkle the pitch with salt. That is what Romeo Anconetani is doing this week-end. He is the president of Pisa and he plans to spread 26 kilos of salt over the pitch before tomorrow's match against Cesena to exorcise evil luck. Pisa were beaten last weak by Atalanta, thanks to an iffy penalty. The salt will put it all right. Anconetani says he has done it before and it

ongratulations to Cam-bridge United. It takes courage to brave the cer-tainty of a flood of cheap jokes. The ball for last night's match against Crewe Alexandra was sponsored for World AIDS day. The club also placed an ad in the match programme that squashed a few of the popular myths about AIDS ("Anyway", the ad says, "I'm not homosexual and I don't use drugs, so I'm OK." "Wrong,

Several weeks have passed since

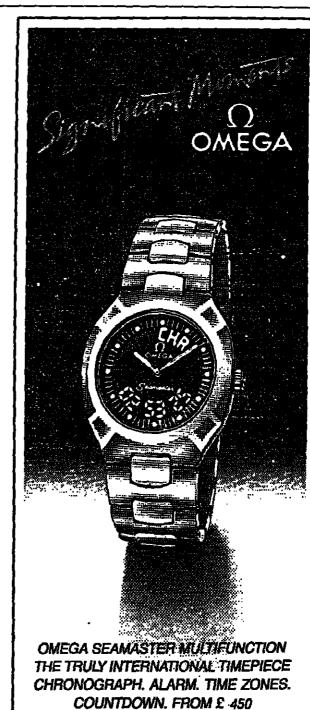
this column mentioned sexual

Olson, a reporter with the Boston Herald, was allegedly harassed by four or five players from the New England Patriots. This week three "Most of them drive expensive of the players involved were fined a total of \$22,500 by the National Football League. There was a further \$25,000 levied against the The Patriots had to pay another

\$25,000 for "instructional materials on responsible dealines with the media". (I hope they will remember to forward a copy to Lord's and Lancaster Gate.) "Unquestionably, this incident has had an effect on our team and on our record," the Patriots general manager, Patrick Sullivan, said. Before the Olson incident, the Patriots had played two games and lost one. Their post-Olson record is nine defeats and no wins.

ere is the first winner of the Team Nightmare competition. The first bottle goes to Katy Newman and I trust she will enjoy her bottle of Cálem Colheitas 1957, an ambrosial tawny port. Her team is: Steve Death (Reading), Harry Killin (Lincoln), Anthony Hellin (Torquay), Tommy Gore (Bury), Ken Raper (Torquay), Peter Sutcliffe (Chester), Geoff Coffin (Chester), Keith Fear (Bristol City), John Skull (Swindon), George Stabb (Bradford PA) and Keith Abbiss (Brighton). Subs: William Furness (Norwich) and James Harrower (Liverpool). Spiritual home: Goole Town FC.

I have more bottles ready for more nightmare teams, to be selected on whatever grounds you wish. My senior cat was particularly impressed with the "Goole harassment in the locker-room, so Town" pay-off. here is an update. To recap, Lisa



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# Agassi the martyr is about to hold centre court

St Petersburg, Florida

be crowds waiting for the Davis Cup final draw in the Florida sunlight knew whom they had come to see So, for different reasons, did the press When he emerged, flanked by his bodyguard and his brother, tike a boxer being shepherded to the ring, the crowd screamed, the press groaned Andre Agassi had

arrived Pens were sharpened. The press have to be careful with Agassi. With his flamboyance and his youth, his big mouth and long hair, his brittle temper and colour-by-numbers clothing, he tests prejudices and divides generations. He also has an uncomfortable knack of proving

people wrong.
As befits his upbringing in Las Vegas, Agassi is unashamedly the product of a commercial age: designed, built and packaged to sell things to the youth of America - from drinks to clothes to shoes to rackets. Even the length of his hair is written into a clothing contract.

At a press conference before the ATP Tour finals in Frankfurt recently, he had to borrow a jacket, shirt and the from the tour supervisor to conform to dress regulations. He looked like a schoolboy after a rough day in the playground. He was meant to.

Being part of the American team for the Davis Cup final imposes similar restrictions on his dress. Agassi the conformist. Bad for the image. But then, Agassi the patriot. Good for the image. Earlier in the year, he had publicly criticised Tom Gorman, the captain of the United States team, and refused to play in the Davis Cup. Agassi the rebel. Good for the image.

Yet it is easy to mistake the image for the player and dismiss



**COMMENT** 

**ANDREW LONGMORE** TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

both as tinsel. For a long time, Agassi did little to discourage that belief. Wearing his Christianity on his sleeve and his stonewash cut-off shorts, he won six tournaments and reached No. 3 in the world in 1988, his first season, at the age of 18.

e applauded his opponents' shots, smiled a lot and played showman's tennis. But he did not beat anyone who mattered and shied away from Lendl and Becker. Agassi the sham. He would be found out sooner or later.

It proved to be sooner. His second season was a disaster, the flaws in his game ruthlessly exposed, the fragility of his mind cruelly exploited. He lost matches he should have won, often gave up and only played in two grand slams. In a controversial multimillion dollar deal he changed from Prince to Donnay rackets, then tried to hide the fact that he was still playing with a Prince

The whole edifice, so neatly built by the marketing men, seemed about to crumble. But no

matter. Agassi had made enough money and could return to midrank obscurity, having failed to fulfil his talent and live up to expectations. Our expectations, that is, not his own.

For anyone who cared to listen, Agassi himself had been maintaining that he was not strong enough to compete with the best all the year round. He still had time, he said, and did not want to burn out too young. Despite the strictures of Becker, among others, Agassi still refused to play in the Australian Open or at Wimbledon this year.

That smacked of cowardice. But, slowly, he began to answer one or two of the criticisms levelled at him. Instead of playing the full clay-court season before the French Open, he went back to his home in Las Vegas to practise, arriving in Paris barely 24 hours before his first match. Despite the unorthodox preparation, he reached his first grand slam final. Before the ATP finals in Frank-

furt last month, he had played three competitive matches in two months. But he beat Becker and Edberg in the space of 24 hours and won the tournament with a remarkable display of power and speed. "Maybe Andre is a little smarter than you think," Nick Bollemeri, his coach, said.

or the press, however, there is still one gap in the Agassi record which can be exploited. He has not yet won a grand slam title. He has also not yet committed himself to playing in all the grand slams. He says he will do so in 1992. Until he does. the shreds of the old criticisms remain. But, before then, Agassi will be taught one lesson, which might prove painful for him and for the game.

Having withdrawn from the Grand Slam Cup, which is backed by the International Tennis Federation (ITF), after signing a contract to play, Agassi is likely to be penalised heavily in the next few days by the grand slam committee. It is probable he will be suspended from one of next year's grand slams and, depend. ing on the reaction of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) to such punishment, be the cause of outright confrontation between the ATP, the masters of the tour, and the ITF.

The case highlights Agassi's hazy notion of the word "commitment", which has frustrated tournament directors from Sydney to Monte Carlo. But, like the press, the game must be careful not to pick on its most obvious target. Agassi the marryr. That would please the marketing

the pitch unusably wet. The groundsman, contrary to

instructions, had given it a comprehensive soaking the pre-vious right and it had then sweated under cover. As a

result, the start was delayed for an hour and some moisture

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Morris edged his first ball from Steve Cottrell for four. The

next priched on a good length, took off and grazed the grille of his helmet. That he kept enough composure to make 33 from 60

was to his credit.

The more important short-

term innings was played by the other Morris, John. It was his first chance of match practice

since November 10 and he took

it well enough to claim a place. abead of Alec Stewart, in today's WSC match here against New

Derbyshire's Morris drove

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ing 63 from 69 balls while Stewart should have been

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it seems Morris has the more to offer if, this time, he takes his

chance and bats naturally.

The most notable bowling for

Stewart ... claimed three

stumpings off him as the Acad-

emy boys were bamboozled by flight and turn, virtues not seen

from an England spin bowler in

recent years. Hemmings kept his place for today's international

but he now knows he has a serious rival.

ENGLAND XI

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**RUGBY UNION** 

# RFU protest forces a backtrack on amateur regulation

International Rugby Football or for the benefit of any union Board (IRFB) takes effect or club or any supporters' club today but the board has been forced to backtrack on the had not been subject to debate decision taken at the interim before the Edinburgh meeting meeting in Edinburgh six and as such, under the IRFB's weeks ago which outlined how players could capitalise on their sporting fame.

(RFU), which, along with the there will be a storm of lrish Rugby Football Union criticism from the southern (IRFU), voted against acceptance of Regulation 4 even closer to home - most of (communication for reward) in its revised form, has put forward so convincing an argument that what took place in Edinburgh was invalid, that the IRFB has been forced to limit the implementation of the new ruling.

A statement from Ken Smith, the IRFB chairman, to member unions vesterday admitted that Regulation 4 in its new form exceeded the original intent and requested that the controversial clause 4.3.2 "be not implemented other than to allow persons to communicate at a function or clude personal appearances majority to put it right?" for reward, though it would still permit players to take difficult without recourse to money from, for example, the law of the land.

from counsel on clause 4.3:2 which as written says a union with or without conditions may "permit persons ... to

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THE revised interpretation of function or gathering Now we feel we owe it to the the amateur regulations by the organised by, or on behalf of, game to do something about associated to it". Such a clause own constitution, could be

declared invalid. If this argument is accepted The Rugby Football Union in its entirety by the IRFB hemisphere - and possibly which will be directed at the

> Yesterday's board statement will be studied by their legal advisers who have already told them that 4:3:2 was a fundamental change of substance to the original debate.

"The statement is not what we asked for," Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, said. His union had requested the IRFB to reconsider and rescind 4:3:2 so as not to open the door to widespread abuse. "The vital point is that, though the board obviously accepts the fact that what was agreed was not right, gathering". That would ex- must we get a three-quarters Wood added. That may be

The RFU has taken advice unions the power to abandon amateurism if they wish." Wood said. "Before the board meeting there was almost appear or communicate at any reasonable and what was not. retary, said.

order to make sure of qualifying

for the European Top 12 next

month made a fine start when

the second mund of the French

Creanga a Romanian emigré living in Greece, beat Enk

Lindh, from Sweden's world

title winning squad, in the

European championships, but

was given few opportunities

against the English No. 1. "He is

dynamite if he has time," said

Prean, who hit aggressively to win 21-19, 21-12, 21-16.

MANY years ago a friend of mure entered the RAC Rally

at 1105). The men's super grant statom, with the first points of the Appine World Cub season at stake.

should be in bed.

Open yesterday.

The fact that the IRFB made the new ruling dis-cretionary, largely at the behest of Australia I imagine,

yesterday and will have discussed the issue in depth, particularly since its representatives' contribution helped produce the required 6-

changes were "extremely unfortunate and a disappointing dilution of the amateur ethic". No Irish player would have been permitted to benefit from the discretionary clause, nor would English players; Wales, bowever, are keen to apply the regulation in the hope of stemming the drift to rugby league.

wealth champion, who with-

drew from England's quarter

final of the team event the night

before with influenza. However,

he had recovered sufficiently to

beat the American No. 1, Sean O'Neill, 21-13, 21-11, 21-10.

Another England inter-

national, Skylet Andrew, lost in four games to Didier

Mommessin a result that

pleased Frona Elliot, the English

national champion, who plans to marry the French champion.

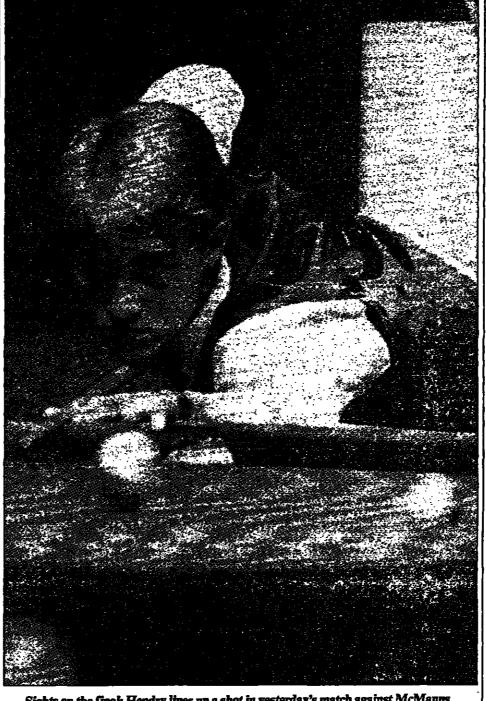
Elhot, bowever, was beaten as was the England No. 1, Lisa

**TABLE TENNIS** 

Prean overpowers the

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SNOOKER

Sights on the final: Hendry lines up a shot in yesterday's match against McManus

#### McManus makes his mark

NOT content with leaving Dennis Taylor, Steve Newbury, Silvino Francisco and Jummy

McManus, aged 19, two years

Hendry's junior and light years behind him in terms of experience, as a first-season professional, ended the session only 4-3 behind with a possible ten frames to play.

After his stunning 9-6 victory over White, from 4-1 behind on Thursday night, McManus said:
"Ill be delighted just to stay
close to Stephen." At first
yesterday, he did even better by Hendry, who has won four

successive ranking tournaments while also setting a record of 29 consecutive victories, won the

ahead and when Hendry Davis, who on Thursday night had beld off a spirited nissed a straightforward blue.

Unlike White, who, for the most part had an expression on his face that read something like: "I don't believe this is happening to me", Hendry set about making things happen for himself, an elegant century of

51 points apiece but then missed the final yellow, using the rest, and Hendry cleared to pink.

When these two had finished. Steve Davis and John Parrott had only reached the interval of their semi-final, thanks mainly respite is forecast. to a 68-minute first frame, which Parrott work

recovery from Nigel Bond to win 9-7 from 6-1 ahead, enof the day.
Nobody was entitled to feel livened the pedestrian affair with breaks of 87, 104 and 57 to

tast bowler almost gave him something immediate to remember it by.
In keeping with their troubled week, England arrived at the

# Ailing England show signs of steady progress

CRICKET

From Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, adelaide

THERE was an uncomfortably college ground yesterday to find urrelevant feel to yesterday's cricket in the cloistered calm of St Peter's College, England have spent a week in the sick bay since the first Test match, and giving a second tutorial to the students of the Australian Cricket Academy was not guaranteed to cure their ills.

To give them their due, England did precious little wrong yesterday, approaching this game the way they should have done the first by choosing to bat, amassing a big score and then bowling out the opposition. It was encouraging, too, that the more significant contribu-tions came from Hugh Morris, whose tour is just starting. John Morris, who had begun to fear his was finishing, and Philip Tufnell, whose tour may be far

busier than most had imagined. The 150-run margin of victory, however, was indicative of the sort of day which would have been useful in the first formight of the tour but is of much has gone awry and the need is for serious first-class

sees England in a run of ten hmited-over games up to December 20, was designed, if that is the word, to permit New Zealand to complete their qualifying games in the World week period.

On the evidence of Thursday's opening match, in which their young side never seemed likely to prevent Australia completing their eighteenth win in 22 one-day internationals, to return after Christmas, If so, strings of the game in Australia will have the evocative, lucrative finale to the season they

In the meantime, England must suffer in silence because if they could not, or would not, demand a better balance when the itinerary was under review, there is no point in complaining

what the players did experience yesterday, some of them for the first time, was just how it feels to play in Australian heat. Summer does not officially start in these parts until today but the afternoon shade temperature reached 101 and no immediate

Angus Fraser, bowling with his name across the back of his blue WSC shirt, ventured the view that "Fraser" would be burned on to his skin by the end

the heat more than Hugh Morris, nurried into action only 72 hours after arrival and still suffering jet-lag. This is his first visit to Australia and the combination of a stubborn groundsman and a strapping

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BOWLING: Bicknell 7 2-0-30-4; Fress 6-1-14-0; Tufnell 9-6-71-3; Lewis 3-0-10-0; Hemmings 7-2-22-2. Umperes, D Herper and M Brien. Today's tear

BNGLAND: M A Atherton, D I Gower, R A Smith, A J Lamp (capit), J E Morris, R C Russelt, C C Lewis, G C Small, E E Hertemage, A R C Fraser, D E Metcolin, MEW ZEALAMD J G Wingrit, A H Jones, M D Crowe (capit), K R Rutherford, R T Lathern, I D S Smith, C Harris, R G Petrie, C Pringle, D K Morrison, W Watson.

#### Prean was joined in the Lomas. Both Andrea Holt and second round by his colleague, Alison Gordon made progress. No sleep for cricket's night owls

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THE WEEK IN VIEW

with go back-up team, indeed with no help other than a navigator, and finished third. He put his success down to pulls that kept him awake and alert for three or four successive National Football League were beaten this week their battle nights. If I could remember should, however, be a pointer to what they were, I would repack-age them and sell them to people the Super Bowl play-offs.
Channel 4 coverage opens at who are being beguiled into staying up night after night to 1.45am and continues until around 5.25. Although there is levision when they As if the Ashes series on Sky

Australia until Boxing Day, there are ten one-day inter-One from Australia were not sufficient, Channel 4 is screen-Series Cup to come on Sky One. ing through the night next week's American football match New Zealand, was scheduled to end at 715 this morning and called The Clash of the Titans. A New Zealand step out again ai day's meeting of New York Gunts and San Francisco 49ers Adelaide to face Australia (midnight through to 7.15 tomorrow may have been lost when the നഗമ്പാള).

only two unbeaten teams in the The fourth game in the series THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: The star of the small screen MONDAY: While Screensport will be today will be Desert Orchid in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown Park (Channel 4, Irom 12:50). presenting National mockey League matches live this winter, its sensities I'vers have an hour-tong review of Park (Channel 4, from 12:50). Widnes and Hull are normated to mainten for praise for rugor mague in their Regal Troopy te and railying in *Grandstand*.

TOMORROW: Today's visit by harmony to Areansi is live and a LiverDoor to Arsenar is live and a "must" on The Merch (ITV, 2.55pm). BBC1 have the ningl of the United Kingdom shooker champonaring (3pm, 8.05 and an hour's highlights.

appetites (Eurosport, 8pm). moment in six-a-aide football, the action is fast and skillul. The Guinness indoor sixes are the on

BS8 (Monday, tonigh and Wednes-day) from 8pm until 10pm on each right). WEDNESDAY: The hour-long Ford Ski Recort is back with what Eurosport boasts is "the most comprehensive whiter sports cover-

1979, losing to John L. Gardner in six rounds, is the subject of TTV's First Tuesday (10.40pm on Tuesday). Given his first pair of boxing gloves at four years of age by a father who boxed for his regiment and (according to his

age", with previews downhill action and interviews with the big names (8pm). Sportsright (88C1, 10pm) aso has action from the Guinness THURSDAY A champion's toil troubles and trumpns are reculed in Series 5 Sesson, a review of the grand prix yeer (Eurosport, 8pm).

FRIDAY: Do not miss Downhip Struggle, which colected the BSAD television award as the best occumentary on the disabled in February, it is a heart-warming tale of Alan Fettigrew's courageous shorts to learn to ski in a wheelchair

about" by him, Sykes was from seven being "bashed in the face every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday morning" at a boxing gym. How, be asks, "can a father love you if he allows that to haven?" happen?"

If violence begets violence, i is little wonder that Sykes became a violent man. He has spent 21 years of his last 26 in prison because, as he puts it,
"I've belied a few people." His
sad-cycd mother thought he was lucky to be jailed: she would "bave hung him". But Nick Lord's production

for Yorkshire Television captures another side of this brutal man. "Very bright. . brighter than those who locked him up." Hull's prison governor says. Bright enough to have written in jail a book called Sweet Agony, which was the catalyst for this televised profile.

Literary Award bear testimony.

But always there is a brooding man of violence, whose answer

to a problem, real or imagined,

with his children, is to say that

they need a beating.

There is the man of com-Vreni Schneider, the Swiss stion, sympathising over one of his boxing victims who was so badly beaten that he was on a Schneider, the double Olymlife-support machine. A man who last May, on his 44th burthday, formed and still runs, in his native Wakefield, a boy's club. A man who claims he has learned to use instead of his body and to which an Open the grant slalom here two years ago in the opening rounds of a University degree in physical sciences and an Arthur Koestler

triumphant season for her.

however, there's a tendency to design courses which are more technical. That could be good for those who don't like speed." Kronberger, who favours the 979. Her team-mate, Anita Wachter, a specialist in the

• LAKE PLACID, New York -Art-Pekka Nikkola, of Finland, the World Cup champion, is to a field of more than 70 ski jumpers from 15 countries who will compete this weekend in the opening events of their season.

#### Lining up for Zurbriggen succession

VALLOIRE, France (Reuter) -The contest to succeed Pirmin Zurbriggen in the men's World Cup starts in earnest here in the French Alps tomorrow, with the super-giant slalom. New faces emerged in the opening slalom and giant slalom races held in August at Mount Hutt. New Zealand, but both appeared as mere appetisers to the European CLICILL

For Marc Girardelli, of Luxembourg, and Alberto Tomba, of Italy, this race is bound to revive painful memortes. Both were seriously injured in super-giants last year and were unable to challenge Zurbriggen for the overall trile. After breaking a collarrone in Val d'Isère last year, Tomba announced he would never again compete in a super-giant. The Olympic giant slatom champion later changed his mind. Tomba, who needs 10 score points in super-giants to be in contention for the overall

trile, said he would decide at the

Cup victories in Mount Hunt, will be eager to assert them-selves at Valloires.

last minute whether to start in tomorrow's race. Gurardelli is also wary of race conditions after his injury in Sestmere last December. He has practised harder than ever on Italian and Austrian glaciers. Peter Roth, of Germany, and Fredrik Nyberg, of Sweden, who both collected their first World

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created confusion when it was announced in October. Leading players, looking for uniformity, found none and the standing of the board will not be elevated if it is now agreed that its action was unconstitutional. The Scottish Rugby Union committee met

The IRFU said that the

• Wales have agreed "in principle" to play in Argentina in 1994 as part of their build-up to the 1995 World Cup. "We are gradually building a tenthat in mind, we have agreed in principle to tour Argentina in 1994 and Fiji and Western Samoa in 1998." Denis Evans. unanimity about what was the Welsh Rugby Union sec-

By STEVE ACTESON

White trailing in his wake, Alan McManus yesterday showed scant respect to his fellow Scot, the world champion. Stephen Hendry, in the first session of their StormSeal United King-dom championship semi-final

second to money is on Friday -New Zealand, yet again, against England - and this one (at

Perth) at least starts at 5.45am and goes on until lunchtime.

to get a good name, with Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn scrap-

ping giornously and behaving immaculately and Herol Gra-ham boxing beautifully before

forgetting to duck when he had his world title bout against

Julian Jackson all but won,

along comes a former contender

to take away some of the gloss.

Paul Sykes who, having turned pro at 30, boxed for the

Just as boxing was beginning

first frame by clearing from the last red to pink after McManus had missed the black off its spot. Not a bit discomfited, however, McManus compiled breaks of 58 and 65 to go 2-1

McManus made a run of 50 to extend his lead.

101 and an encore of 53 bringing He was fortunate to win the last game, however. McManus pulled up from 51-12 down to

RESULTS: Seral-finate: S Hendry (Scot) leads A Micharus (Scot), 4-3; S Dave (Eng.) Index J Perrot (Eng.) 5-2. Thursday's test quester-final results: Micharus tr J Wines (Eng.), 5-8; Davis or N Bond (Eng.), 5-7. WEEKEND ORDER OF PLAY; Final (b)

#### The first giant step to becoming snow queen

VAL ZOLDANA, Italy (Agencies) — Austrian skiers, encouraged by the retirement of several powerful opponents, will expect to tighten their grip on the women's World Cup when the season opens in the Italian Dolomites this weekend. Petra Kronberger took the overall-title last season, the first Austria woman to win it since

slatoms, was number-up and expects to challenge hard again for the championship. She has the chance of making good start this year, as the World Cup opens with a giant sisiom today and a sisiom tomorrow. Wachter took the grant sisiom trie last season and ame fifth in the slalom, behind

pic champion and World Cup winner in 1989, had to give up bope of retaining that trule after injuring her knee in a bad fail. She finished sixth overall. Vai Zoldana is welcome ground to Schneider, who won

But the ranks of challengers to Kronberger have been depleted by the dropping out of many big names, including Swiss rivals Mana Walliser and Michela Figure and the colourful Yugo-

According to Pier Mario Calcamuggi. Italy's trainer, these withdrawals have made it harder to predict who will do best this season: "It means the battle is very open. This season,

faster events, can take some comfort from the likely early absence of Carole Merle, of France, the top super-giant sla lom specialist on the circuit. The World Cup organisers said Merie was not expected to race at all here this weekend. She njured a knee in a spectacular fail at the French resort of Tignes last week.

The 70-metre hill event will

be today at the 1980 Olympic complex, with the 90-metre jump tomorrow. Unseasonally warm temperatures in midweek melted snow on the landing area and forced officials to consider a change in the schedule, perhaps to two 70-metre jumps. However, subsequent light snow flurries and colder weather,

# A bridge across the Red sea

THIS weekend has stood out, ever since the fixture list was published, as one of the most fateful of the season. Liverpool's visit to Arsenal was always going to be momentous. So it will be. But the complexion of the live of whom were injured against City, to television show tomorrow has been recover. altered by recent events.

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Until four days ago, it had been assumed that the onus would be carried by the leaders, Liverpool. Only one side had left Highbury unbeaten and even that feat, a goalless draw, had been achieved by Tottenham Hotspur as long ago as September 1.

All that was changed on Wednesday night. After the astonishing outcome of the Rumbelows Cup tie against Manchester United, Arsenal will instead be bearing the heavier burden. To close a gap of six points, they must recover instantly from their worst home defeat for 70 years.

Since the nature of a cup tie and a League game are essentially so different, a narrow loss could have been discarded as an irrelevant blemish on their record. To go down 6-2 is another matter, especially as it was their strongest feature, their regimented defensive organisation,

which disintegrated.
Three weeks ago, Steve Coppell,
Crystal Palace's manager, described Arsenal as "the best team in the country". He qualified the surprising statement by adding that, although the individual enterprise of Liverpool was indisputably superior, George Graham's team was a more solid and efficient all-round unit.

Coppell was speaking after a lifeless, goalless draw with which Arsenal have become associated outside Highbury. Largely drab themselves apart from Anders Limpar, their Swedish player, they had applied a tourniquet around their first 17 opponents this season and squeezed the colour out of them.

No one should expect Liverpool to run riot tomorrow, as United did in midweek, particularly as they have also been out of sorts. They were perilously close to being beaten at Antield by Manchester City last Saturday, as Kenny Dalglish conceded, and their recent form has been less than convincing.

But, as they were knocked out of the Rumbelows Cup by United in the previous round, they will have had eight days in which to refresh themselves, time which could be a crucial factor. It has allowed Bruce have to start constructing it them-Grobbelaar and Gary Gillespie, both selves, tomorrow afternoon,

STUART JONES

Steve Nicol, a victim of influenza, is also likely to be included in a squad yet to be announced. Graham, who has added Andy Linighan and David Rocastle to his usual list of choices, predictably played down not only the extent of the damage inflicted but also the significance of the match.

"We are ready to bonnee straight back," he said yesterday. "Our spirit and resilience have never been called into question in my experience at Highbury." Indeed, it could be argued that their spirit, which compels them to help each other, is too powerful. It has effectively cost them £70,000 for the two brawls within the last year.

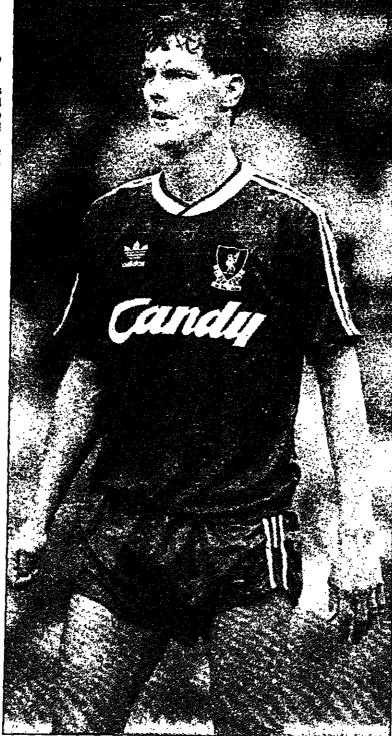
"If people think that we've become a bad side overnight, then that is up to them," Graham said. Arsenal are too professional ever to be considered a bad side but their belief is sure to have been severely shaken. "All we can do," in Graham's words, "is be positive." Easier said than done.

Nevertheless, Arsenal cannot afford to take any other approach. Liverpool, with 32 goals so far, have the most prolific and varied attack in the first division. If they see any signs of cautious diffidence, they will not hesitate to exploit them and so gain

Apart from John Barnes, who can change the destiny of any game, they are equipped with the speed which could, as against United, embarrass Arsenai's comparatively cumbersome central defenders. Liverpool should be regarded as marginally the favourites but a draw is far from improbable.

"I'm not prepared to call this the most important game of the season," Graham declared. "Whatever the result, we will still be chasing for the title." In spite of his claim, it is imperative that Arsenal's unbeaten sequence in the League is not broken

So few clubs are capable of beating Liverpool that a lead of more than six points represents a gap as wide as the Atlantic Ocean. Arsenal cannot expect others to build a bridge across it. They



Returning refreshed: Gillespie has had eight days to recover from injury

# Everton search for a fresh cutting edge

By CLIVE WHITE IF THE inclusion of Lee Sharpe, the hero of Highbury, in the Manchester United team to play at Goodison Park today was the least startling selection decision of the week, the absence of Graham Sharp from the Everton team must be counted some-

thing of a surprise.
Howard Kendall, the Everton nanager, stressed that the rea-son for dropping Sharp, widely regarded over the past few seasons as the best No. 9 in the English game, was in order that he could complete his assessment of the club's attacking partnerships. Today it is the turn of Cottee and Newell to try to impress as a pair.

Having spent just three matches in charge, Kendall has some excuse for not knowing his best attack, which is more than can be said for Alex Ferguson who has spent four user trains. who has spent four years trying to fathom his. The 6-2 victory over Arsenal in the Rumbelows Cup in midweek, easily the most lavish performance of Fer-guson's reign, may have enlight-

line-up. "I would probably have been strung up if I had," he said yesterday. That means that there is still no place for Neil

injury to the United captain. Kendall finds himself facing

an uphill climb not dissimilar to that which confronted Ferguson when he arrived at Old Trafford. Kendall is under no illusions about the gradient. "If the need him.

Needless to say he has not players, or anyone else, are found fit to make any changes thinking that it is a formality that we will move away from the through choice to the United bottom of the table, then I am

affaid they are wrong."
With refreshing candour, Kendall added: "I do not think that we can say we have been However, Ferguson, who unlucky in the three games (two

draws and one defeat) since my return. At the end of the season I believe that you finish up ex-actly where you deserve to finish

Bobby Campbell, the Cheisea manager, might challenge that statement after the number of needless penalties his team con-ceded early in the season. Ironically, though, it was a penalty award in their favour last Sun-day at Old Trafford, when Webb brought down Graham Stuart,

rot of recent poor form.

That and another victory in midweek in a Rumbelows Cup tie at Oxford, albeit scrappily secured, should help Chelses to centre half for AIK Stockholm approach the derby against arrives in London tomorrow.

Tottesham Hotspur with greater confidence. A toe injury to Damien Matthew, one of Campbell's chicks, has meant a probable recall for John Burnstead, a wily old bird.

That could spell bad news for Paul Gascoigne who spent an uncomfortable afternoon in the close company of Bunstead in the corresponding fixture last season. "We will do something on Gascoigne, but I'm not going to say what," Campbell said. give a trial to Jan Eriksson, a member of Sweden's World Cup squad in Italy, with a view to a permanent move. Eriksson, a centre half for AIK Stockholm.

#### WEEKEND TEAM NEWS

Aston Villa v Sheff Utd United, without five senior players, have two more. Rostron and Lake, facing fitness checks. Wood and Todd are added to the squad. Comyn is polsed to return for Villa, without a League win in six games, as replacement for Mountfield, who is uspended. Cascarino is again

Chelsea v Tottenham Burnstead is ready to return for Chelsea in place of Matthew, who has a toe injury. As Sedgley is out for a week with a gashed shin, Tuttle, 18, makes his first full

Crystal P v Coventry Salako will move into the back four, with Hodges coming in on the wing, if Thorn falls to recover from a swollen anide. Wright is over his nvisted ankle, but Thomas is doubtfut with a bruised chest. Butcher includes himself in the Coventry squad, and Kilcline and Drankell after injury.

Everton v Man Utd Everton drop Sherp in favour of Newall, who has recovered from a

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foot injury. Whiteside, if he is fit, will play for the reserves at Old Trafford. United are unchanged save for the selection of Donaghy for Bruce, who has a hamstring

Leeds v Southampton Two potentially key figures. Straction, of Leeds, and Le Tissier, of Southempton, await the outcome of late fitness checks on their call and ankle injuries, respectively. Williams and Rodney Wallace are the likely deputies. Cherednik again stands in for Dodd, the Southampton right back.

Man City v QPR Rangers, beaten seven times in eight games, may give Caesar, on a month's losn from Arsenal, his debut in central defence. Alen, a young forward, is also brought into the squad. Coton, who has a tagh injury, is City's only doubt; Dibble is on hand.

Norwich v Wimbledon Potston, dropped 12 weeks ago, stands by to replace Butterworth, who has a cold. Crook expects to recover from a stomach upset. Rosario, out for

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three months with an anide injury, has cracked a rib. Wimbledon ould be unchanged. Notim Forest v Luton McDonough keeps his place in the Luton side, even though Beaumorn has recovered from flu. Hodge has suffered a recurrence of call trouble and is

replaced in the Forest team by Sunderland v Derby Derby, who have lost one of their last nine games, bring Callaghen and Wittens back into their aqued after missing the Rumbelows Cup tis in midweek. Sundenand, beaten 6-0 by Derby in an earlier round, are unchanged for the third consecutive match.

Tomorrow Arsenal v Liverpool Arsenal have added Rocastle and Linghan to the 13 on duty in midweek. Rocastle has not played for six games and Linghan has made just one appearance as substitute. Liverpool nave not announced a squad, but Grobbelast end Gillespie are over injuries and Nicol has shaken off fill. Price of failure in the basement is dismissal

TWO fourth division clubs Tottenham Hotspur manager dismissed their managers yes has been reunsted with his terday, both after only six former captain there. Steve mouths in charge. The first to go Penyman, at Watford where he months in charge. The first to go was Graham Carr, from Blackwas Cranam Carr, from bosca-pool, and when Lincoln City fater parted with Allan Clarke, the former England forward became the fifth managerial casualty of the season.

Clarke, the former Leeds United and Barnsley manager, took over from Colin Murphy. Lincoln are second from bottom in the table, five places below Blackpool who appointed Carrafter Jummy Mullen's departure at the end of last season following the club's drop to the bottom

will be assistant manager. Perryman, who took over when Colin Lee was dismissed on Tuesday, said: "I worked with Peter at Spurs. He has a

tremendous knowledge of the game and players. He will be a great asset here."

Dixie McNeil, Coventry City's first team coach, has lef the club following the appointment of Mick Mills as assistant

manager McNeil has returned to Wrexham where he has maintained his family home. • The French football authori-Section.

Carr's assistant, Billy Ayre, who has taken over with a 12-month contract, will have the help initially of two on-loan players — Fred Barber, the goalkeeper, from Walsall, and Dave Bamber, the Hull forward.

Peter Shreeves, the former

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#### FOR THE RECORD

#### **Martin roars** ahead as gale batters fleet SEVEN of the skippers in the

BOC single-handed round the world race were charging through the Southern Ocean for the second day in succession as the gale force westerly winds swept away the last vestiges of calm that have frustrated much of the fleet since last Saturday (Barry Pickthall writes). The fastest was Alain Gautier's fourth placed Generali

Concorde, with an average of 15.3 knots between satellite passes. This was 2.6 knots faster than John Martin's leading yacht, Allied Bank, but Martin covered the most miles overnight to complete a 260-mile day and extended his lead to 111 miles over Christophe Auguin.

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BADMINTON

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BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NSIA): Densy Nuggers 136, Secremens (Ings 126; Priceris Suns 126; Sectle Supersones 110; Portland Trail Biszers 107, Minnepola Tamberwolves 92.

BOBSLEIGHING WhitTPREEKS, Germany: 1, W Hoppe and R Hammerson (Ger), 1min 54.45ec; 2, P Hinz and A Retech (Ger), 154.68; 3, 5 Shimer and E Mosse (US), 155.27; 4, 6 Haydenbuck and P Alterson (Carl), 155.28; 5, C Lori and D Currier (Carl), 155.28; 5, G Bassi and M Vertical (Mon), 155.23.

BOXING SUNDERLAND: British bestmerweight champlemaths 112 mdat; Billy Hardy (Sunderland, notice) in Romain Carroll (Glasgow), rac 5th md. Welter (6 mds; Barry Messam (Notinglam) in Mark Jay (Newcaste), rac 5th md. Heavy (6 mds; Adam Pogarry (Fallian) bit Donny Gryan (Swindon), nac 2nd md. Light (6 mds; John Pozarry bit Barren Handurson (Jedda), pix. Cruiser (6 mds; Roger McKendol, cox.)

CRICKET

CYCLING ZURICH: Standay race (lourth days 1, A Baffi grip P Bincolesco (tasy), 171; 2, U Preuter and H Marry (Switzerfand), 122; 3, one sto bearred, 5 John son W State (Britzerfand), 152; 4, eve late bearred, A Doyle (GB) and 6 Hotempager (Switz), 110; 5, C Tourne and R Van Stacke (Bel), 62.

FOOTBALL EIROPEAN BIFFEICUP: Second leg: AC Miles 2 Samptons 0 long 3-11 (in Botogna). Planting CENTRAL LEAGUE: Flow developes Coverny 2, Legat 2, Newcounts 1, Anon Ville 2. Swelfeld Unions 2, recomption Forem 5. Overlage Pariets Combine Time to control Limited 0, West Ham 1.
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RUGBY UNION

TOULOUSE: Bath 17, Soviet Union 7.

ICE HOCKEY MATIONAL LEAGUE (MPL): Boston Brums 4. Edmonton Ollers 2: Herbord Whelers 6. Ptsaburgh Penguins 4; Detroit Red Wings 5, Chicago Black Hawles 1, St Louis Blues 4. Los Angoles Kings 4 (CT); Vancouver Centucks 2. Toronto May ICE SKATING

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RACKETS SCHOOLS MATCH Malvern (M Humbard and A Scammed) to Chetanham (S Liverton and T Piley), 15-7, 15-5, 17-15, 15-3, 16-7. **REAL TENNIS** 

OUEEP'S CLUB: George Wingpey British opins chartepinestery Singles. First round: J Ward St. Street, 6-4, 6-2, 6-5, in Owene St. Lucianiens, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4 Doubles, First cound: M Deep sinc C. Pontettoon St. M Ryan and M Eade, 6-1, 6-2, 6-5. **RUGBY LEAGUE** TOUR MATCH France & 6, Australia XIII 78, SLALDH LADER ALLIANCE Second 65-vision Bramey 17, Brestord Normers 25.

SKIING LA PLACHE, France: World Cap treaspress Maguie: Women 1, R Manad (Ft; 2, D Welmerstra (LIS); 3, S Line Hatestad (Nor); Must 1, E Grospino, Fr; 2, H Engelsen Scie (Nor); 5, E Berthon (Fr). TABLE TENNIS

LYOMS, Francis Open championships: 7 years competitions: Men. China 3, England 2. Warsen: Hungary 3, England 2.

**SQUASH RACKETS** PB PREMER LEAGUE Second di-e: Barnham Broom (Norlok) 1, Spain Lingfield (Surrey) 4; Newjon Abcot on) 1, Declars Rackets (Essec) 4, **TENNIS** 

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Fenech returns

Jeff Fenech, who has won three world boxing titles at bantam-weight and featherweight, will return to the rung in Adelaide next month after being out of action more than a year with hand injuries and a virus. The opponent has yet to be named.

Tees on move

Warrington rugby league club have paid Barrow around £30,000 for the prop forward, Gary Tees. Tees, aged 22, is expected to make his first appearance in the Regal Trophy match at home to Runcorn Highfield

# In search of the secret of sporting small talk

he last fortnight has been filled with fine examples of The Political Commentary This type of commentary has a sophisticated veneer, sheeny with Yet by the time John Major that I had penetrated its wise and urbane disguise.

The Political Commentary - slice mercilessly through you will find the same to-ing and fro-ing, the same waffle, the same ceaseless parade of expert opinions all saying much the same thing but still managing to create little arguments with each other, the tune from Rughy Special (I same prognostications and reflections and fatal inability to cope with the great mo-ment when it acaulty upon a bouncing castle). No. happens:

"No ... I'll just have to speech from Mr Major - Mr Major is speaking now, even as we . . . and if we could just go over to Downing Street

and then:

thoughts?" "I am delighted with the result - there is no question now but that we will win the European championship." "John Cole, your thoughts?"

"Well, there are several possible schenarios: he could bring in Maychael Hashelme to tighten up the left flank . . . it's possible that Mrs Thartcher will go to Real Madrid . . .'

It therefore seemed appropriate - though not necessarily significant - that Carol Thatcher should have been attending an event last Monday entitled "Foster's amateur sports commentator venue that I had always thought of as the Oval but which is now called the Foster's Oval. It has been fostered by Foster's.

I was standing around in

LAURA THOMPSON

Thatcher, "Maggie's lass!" tone of his enquiry confirmhad revealed itself as being ing that, last week. Mrs extremely similar to none Thatcher metamorphosed some masochistic reason I Commentary. Think about it Dame Vera Lynn. As with extreme privacy of my own beloved.

> Without a doubt, the worst thing about this event was walking into a dining-room to the strains of the theme a chilling notion - my career mean the old version, the one that sounds like music being I am wrong - that was not the worst thing. The worst thing was realising that the Rugby we were to hear.

Next we got It orld of Sport. played proudly and fulsomely as if it were genuinely a good song. When it had come to Thirty abortive seconds of what I was praying would be watching history being made; the end of it, it started up all over again but this time with "David Mellor, your the benefit of a majestic key

> meant to be an appropriate hability. scene-setter, evocative of all manner of commentaries, mentators were there essen-Unfortunately, it was But, in tially to provide the small mentaries differed from the political, whatever), the reusual professional version in assurance of discussion, the that they told a good deal establishment of common about what was going on.

To be sure, one or two of the contestants had acquired small differences. What I had the Motson twang (was that what Steve Rider, chief judge, was referring to when he praised "universal sports voices"?) and certain clichés, certain macho-cum-fatalistic speech rhythms, inevitably recurred. But the winner, 1990", which was held at a Colin Fray, avoided these generic irritants and was impressively good.

usual friendless mode, study- the desire to have a go at it sure, being small talk subjects ing pictures of Fred Trueman myself. I think I wanted to in their own right.

prove that it was, in fact, easy; that pretending it was difficult was a myth propa-

gated by the meffectual. It was only a whim of mine. a jokey experiment, but I knowledge and intelligence. 25 if they were priceless went about it properly. I felt Renoirs, when I heard a that as a novice I should be became prime minister, I felt woman identifying herself to allowed to commentate upon the man on the door as Carol an event that I had already witnessed and, to this end, I said the man, the solicitous rooted out a video of the England-Italy third-place World Cup match, which for other than The Sporting overnight from Medusa into had never erased. In the sport, so with politics: fail, room, I familiarised myself the gravitas and there, within, and you are instantly with names and numbers. Then off with the sound, on with the show.

> If anyone had chanced to hear or see my performance as a human being would have been over. Never, ever again, not for at least another week shall I take the name of John Motson in vain. Commentating is impossible.

All I could do was bleat the occasional name while my stop you there - Mr Major is Special tune was only part of mind went blank and my on the steps - we're getting a a medley of theme tunes that voice hung in an infinity of time and space. The only point at which I got going was when Shilton was footling around with the ball and Baggio took it away from him to score a goal. I completely forgot my little experiment and let forth a volley of robustly biased swear words. Thus proving that, as a commentator, not only was I Obviously, the music was terrible, I was also a potential

l had thought that comfact, the amaieur com- taik (whether it be sporting, ground which is highlighted by the customary raising of not realised is that small talking to order is a very different thing from just small talking.

Commentating is more like the appearance of small talking Actually, there has to be a and, of course, the best commentators are those who best conceal the contrivance (like Desmond Lynam), But A few days after this, conversely, I suspect that it is musing on what it was that the Motsons, the Newbons, made someone able to com- the Lowes and the Colemans mentate, I was possessed of who provide the greater plea-

GOLF

#### Norman's shot of a lifetime

record the first albatross of his career yesterday during a round of 68 which took him into a lead of two strokes after 36 holes of the Australian Open here. Norman, who also chipped in from 25 yards for an eagle at the 15th, is on 138, six under par, after two rounds, with Jeff Maggert, of the United States, and the Australians, Brett Ogle and Peter Lonard, his nearest

"I feel good," Norman said afterwards. "I've got no reason to be upught about anything. I guess holing from that distance

of the flag and rolled in like a

SYDNEY (AP) - Greg Norman anyone feel pretty good. I saw make too many mistakes and the ball go in it was a perfect make a few more birdies it could three-wood at the fifth hole to shot. The ball never left the line be very close."

Nick Faldo had four birdies in a round of 70 that left him six shots behind Norman. The British Open champion, who stormed off the final green in disgust after his first round of 74, was much happier with his form but said he still needed putting practice. "If I had got hot today. I could have easily been four shots better, which

would have looked pretty impressive," he said. "I had a lot of chances but didn't really make anything If I with a three-wood would make play well at the weekend, don't

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

#### Australian 12-year record on the line

AVIGNON - Having sailed Meninga's otherwise masterly through the first two games of the French leg of their tour, Australia attennot to maintain a country when they meet the national side in Avignon,

The Australians beat a local selection 48-16 in Paris on Tuesday and demolished France B 78-6 on Thursday in Lyon. Bobby Fulton, the Australian coach, will retain his winning team from the internationals at Old Trafford and Elland Road, with the possible exception of Dale Shearer, who has an in-

The claims for Shearer's place will come from Greg Alexander and Chris Johns. Alexander has been selected for all 15 matches of this European tour and only failed to take the field once, when he stayed on the substatutes' bench at Old Trafford.

He can kick goals too, which Rumaner (Wests), B Mackey (St o was the black spot in Mal Referee; J Holdsworth (England).

nament starts this weekend.

afternoon, with Widnes expect-

shaken off injuries for the match

with the league leaders, Hull.
The Humbersiders are less

gaining valuable experience with Hull, and Fraisse, a genu-ine recent find, will be total. FRANCE: M Roses (La Barcarés) C Pon-FRIANCE: W. Ropes (L.B Barckriss) C. Pone (Si Gauders), S. Brut (XIII Cattain), M. Barnés (St. Gaudens), C. Bouzer (Tou-louse); D. Fraisse (Carcassonne), P. Entit (Huil); S. Titect: (Avignon), T. Vatero (Latignan), C. Cahro (Tourouse), D. Varded (Villerauve), D. Dines (Carcassonne), J. Miglines (XIII Cattaien).

performance in England Johns

was Fulton's preference when Shearer dropped out of the first

tour game against St Helens. For the French, there are

seven newcomers in the squad of 17, three of them introduced

as substitutes. The French reli

ance on such war horses as Moliner, Valero, Epiat, who is

ALISTRALIA: G Beicher (Canberra); G Alexander (Penntn) or C Johns (Brebens), in Mensings (Canberra). I. Deley (Canberra) A Ettingsheusen (Condula) C Lyons (Manly); R Stuert (Canberra); S Rooct (Bernall), B Elsis (Berren), G Lazorus (Canberra) / S Sronen (Bernan), R Lazorus (Benss), B Mackey (St George)

Hull hopes undermined by French connection

By KEITH MACKLIN

AFTER the feverish excitement but that is the traditional luck of the international series and charm of the draw. against Australia, it is fortunate for the domestic game that the Retail Tropby knockout tour-

Wigag, the holders have severe injury problems for the visit to Whitehaven, where the Cumbrians will not be without One of the biggest games of some hope of pulling off a the first round is staged in front surprise against the reigning of the television cameras this champions, who are stumbling badly and lost 14-12 at Wakeing Davies and Holliday, two field in midweck. key men in anack, to have

Lydon is definitely missing from the Wigan side with an ankle injury, and Hampson, the lucky, since they have lost one full back, is also doubtful. John of their back division stars, Patric Entat, the French scrum Monie, the Wigan coach, has been considering giving a rest to half and captain, for the game Hanley and Gregory after their against Australia at Avignon tomorrow. It is a pity that one of strepuous games for Great Britain, but may be forced to two good sides must go so early, play them.

Donald Fardon, of Australia, playing in only his third pro-fessional tournament, equalled Craig Parry's course record of 65 after a first round of 80.

after a first round of 80.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (Australian invess strated) 138: G Norman, 70. 68. 140. 6 Ogie, 71. 69. J Maggert (US), 71. 68. P Lorent, 70. 70. 141: R Devis, 70. 71. v Singn (Fig.) 69. 72. 142: W Ritey, 70. 72. J Morse (US), 72. 70. C Party, 72. 70; G Turner (N2), 75. 67: I Baker-Finch, 71. 71. 144: N Faulto (GB), 74. 70. S Ettongton, 75. 69. I Santey, 73. 71. M Bradtey (US), 77. 67. 146: B King, 72. 73. D Fartion, 80. 65. L Waste, 76. 69. P McMinney 74. 71. 146: G Day (US), 73. 73. G Hotman, 71. 75. H Banne (US), 75. 70. J Lindberg (Swe) 76. 70. S Owen (N2), 11. 75. W Harmood, 73. 73. 71. M Ferguson, 72. 74.

IN BRIEF

#### Germany's dope probe

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) said yesterday that it would not initiate an enquiry into claims that drugs were systematically used to improve the performances of East German sportsmen and women. It wants them first investigated by German officials.

the German national Olympic committee, had contacted the IOC about setting up an en-BOXING: Billy Hardy, of Sunderland, retained his British

Willy Daume, the president of

title by stopping Ronnie Carroll, of Glasgow, in his home town on Thursday. 6 Errol McDonald, the Nottingham welterweight, is due to meet Patrizio Oliva for the

Italian's European title early in the new year. O Pat Clinton will defend his Brunsh and European flyweight titles against Joe Kelly in Glasgow on February 18.

MOTOR SPORT: Esso is to sponsor the RAC British touring car championship for a further three years. CYCLO CROSS: The Gilling-

ham Open at Chatham, today, and the Westminster Open London championship at Croydon, tomorrow, both have prize lists of more than £1,000. BADMINTON: Matthew Smith, the holder, has withdrawn from the Welsh Open

championships in Cardiff. SNOOKER: Screensport, the satellite channel, yesterday announced a peak viewing figure throughout Europe of 1.2 miltion for the women's world championship finals in London. TENNIS: Jonathan Smith, the former Davis Cup player, inspired Devon to an unexpected 5-4 win over Surrey on the opening day of the winter indoor county championships at

Teitord yesterday. The International Tennis Federation has fined the Soviet governing body \$14,000 (£7,000) for not providing Spain with proper training facilities before a Davis Cup match.

# Proud Orrell form spine of Wood's last North selection

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF ANY of England's four the division. He has helped the division will try to divisions brings substance to establish a development plan the ADT championship, for the North intended to which begins today, it is the strengthen its identity and North, as much for geographi- incorporating the junior end cal and social reasons as of the game. His involvement anything to do with rugby, will end with this champ-They distinguished the com- ionship and players who now petition in 1986 and 1987, seek increased perks from the playing a brand of rugby game would do well to wonder light to English rugby at a time healthy position that it is when it was badly needed.

Since then the division has such men as Wood. watched good players be lured south to study, by better job London it seems to increase prospects and by better rugby our team spirit," Wood said. prospects, yet still their regional pride will make the erners." There have been North compulsive viewing moves to select only players when they challenge the champions, London, at the Stoop clubs but that would exclude Memorial ground today. They those prepared to journey have the hardest of cores in home for training - among the Orrell pack and they will them Rory Underwood, everwish to give Ted Wood, the present since the champteam manager, a send-off to ionship recommenced in its

Wood, for the last 20 years, has given unstinting service as apologies for basing his team a crach to Durham Universof firmly on Orrell: "What sity, where he works, to Durthat club has done in recent

which brought a glimmer of whether it would be in the without the unpaid efforts of

> competing with northern present form in 1985.

Nor does Wood make any ham City, to the county and weeks is a blueprint for what

#### TODAY'S TEAMS

At Stoop Memorial Ground LCNDON DIVISION S Rigitin (Waspa): A Harriman, W Carling (Harlequins). D Harriman, W Carling (Harlequins): R Andrew (Waspa), E Devic (Harlequins): R Lonard, B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn (Waspa), M Salmer, P Actions (Harlequins), S Doer (Rosslyn Park), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Ryan

NORTHERN DIVISION: I Huster (North-ampton): N Hestep (Orrell). S Langlord (Orrell), E Berley (Walesheld), R Under-Loco (Lelcester): N Sarez (Orrell). D Hizaris (Orrell) B Southom (Orrel), N Hizarion (Orrell), D Southom (Orrel), Cast, S Gellogher (Waterloo). H Kimmins (Orrel), D Casani (Orrel), N Ashams (Orrel), D Moofericas (Sale). Ristoree: R Hourquet (France).

#### Emerging players get chance

By GERALD DAVIES

THE Wales B team play The Netherlands tomorrow at Lieden. While a connection has been established with the Welsh junior district clubs, this is the first time that a team of any seniority has played in The Netherlands. The game was arranged after France were unable to fulfil what would have been the 22nd fixture between the two countries, stretching

Ron Waldron, the Welsh coach, was anxious that a fixture should replace the traditional one in order that a stepping stone continuity should remain in place for the developing players. While there is provision for capped players to appear, and there are four in the team -Clement, Ford, Arnold and Owain Williams - the accent is on youth. Scott Gibbs, at centre, half, for instance, are in the first

year out of youth rugby. The Pontypridd stand-off, along with Steve Williams, the flanker, and Paul John, scrum half, were in the recent WRU President's under-21 side which comfortably beat a New Zealand team. Williams has played at No. 8 and at lock but it is thought he should concentrate on the side of the scrum.

All these players are in the full national squad and are joined by Buckett, Kembery, Budd and

answers before the international season begins. The choice of lock is crucial. Since there is so much doubt existing and a lack of obvious candidates, the solidity of the scrum becomes doubly important. The form of the props will therefore be of in-terest. Little threat has come from the centres in the Welsh team recently so this area, too, will be under scrutiny.

The question is, of course, to

what extent will the relatively unknown quantity of The Netherlands be able to test Wales. They lost heavily, 45-7, against Romania in the World Cup qualifying rounds but had a more encouraging match against Italy, when they led 7-0 at halftime but eventually lost 24-11. They then went on to lose to Soain 22-12 and more recently went down to the Emerging Australian touring team 32-12. WALSS B: A Clement (Swenses): S Ford (Cardiff). S Glibbs (Neath). S Lowis (Pomypridd). S Bowling (Lisnelli). N Jonaton (Pomypridd). P John (Cardiff): Suctest (Swanses). A Thomas (Neath). J Device (Neath). S Williams (Swanses). A Kembory (Neath). P Ameld (Swanses). G Goorge (Nawport, capt). O Williams

#### Glenalmond overcome shaky start

GLENALMOND faltered initially against Merchiston Castle eight subsequent wins are enjoy-ing their best season for many years. Included are victories against Fettes, 17-3, George Watson's, 30-4, and Edinburgh Academy, 33-10. They have four players in the final Scottish trial: Jamie Denison-Pender, a ртор, James Martin, lock, Geoff Lockett, flanker, and Peter

Brown, wing or centre.
St Paul's have drawn with Cranleigh and lost to Wellington College but have won their other nine matches, recently beating Epsom, 20-3, and Dulwich, 21-11. Dulwich led 11-0 down wind but a haul of 17 points by their scrum half and captain. Tom Taberner, saw St Paul's home.

"Each time a player opts for "We are all genuine North-

At Moseley
MIDLAND DIVISION: S Hodgkinson (Notingham): E Sounders (Rugby). T
Buttimore, I Botos (Lelesster), S Hackney
(Norsingham): J Steele (Northampton).
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(Moseley), J Oliver (Northampton), T
Reven (Rugby). J Wells (Lecester), T
Rodber (Northampton), M Bayfield (Bedford), G Rees (Nottingham), D Richards
(Lelesster), capti.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST DIVISION: J Webb (Bath); A Swift (Bath), R Knibbe (Brisco), A Adebeyro (Bath), P Hud (Bristo); M Hamile (Goucester), R Hul (Bath); V Ubogu (Beth), G Dawe (Beth), R Lee (Bath), S Ojomoh (Beth), N Redmon (Bath), J Etheridge (Northampton), A Robinson (Bath, capt), M Teegue (Goucester).

achieve." London themselves include three players who have featured in northern celours, Peter Winterbottom. Rob Andrew and Will Carling.

"The North were not often favourites when I played for them but they surprised the other divisions," Andrew said.

He and his colleagues know what to expect and, including the game between the two sides in 1977, honours stand even at three apiece. If the North can tilt the balance their way it will be an even greater lift for Orrell when their league programme starts again in January because it is away from home that northern clubs have tended to falter.

Stan Purdy, the chairman of the Midlands selectors, left Bath last weekend in thought-ful mood: "Leicester have shown us the way we must ' he said, referring to their defeat of the Pilkington Cup holders. He meant that if the Midlands can ignore the reputations and reduce the options of the South and South West players, they have a chance to win the champ-ionship, which they last held in 1985, despite the withdrawal yesterday with a shoulder injury of Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock.

It may hearten the Midlands that they lead the South West, 6-2, in this series. A table of combined divisional results since 1985 leaves the South West trailing with four wins from 15 matches, which confirms that combining players from Bath, Gloucester and Bristol is easier said than

#### An old favourite with a new look

By DAVID HANDS

THE county championship, born anew in a seventh vari-ation since Yorkshire won the first in 1889 and with a new sponsor in ADT, takes the field today hand-in-hand with the divisional championship. It is a marriage of convenience but one which finds favour with Mike Harrison, the former England captain, whose Yorkshire ranks side hopes to upset the reigning champions, Lancashire, at

"Times have changed and ue structure there had to be some way of fitting all these commitments in." Harrison said. "I think it's a fair compromise." For once the clubs have conceded ground to the constituent bodies, because it is the club programme which has taken a beating, and two of the biggest names, Harlequins and Orrell, have conceded their first-team fixtures completely for this and the next two

Harrison contends, though, that at Otley little will have changed. "To the players involved it will be the same Roses showdown as ever."

north and south, and the other senior match in the northern half pitches Warwickshire against North Midlands at Stratford-upon-Avon. Warwickshire dominated the competition during the 1960s, aided substantially by Coventry, and that has not changed, since seven Coventry players appear in their

In the southern half, Middle-sex meet Berkshire for the first time since 1938 at the Wasps ground with a XV showing firstboard, Lozowski (Wasps) and Butcher (Harlequins) bring international experience to the side, which includes Doolin of wing; an even stronger New Zealand accent may be heard at Kidbrooke where Pope, the Otago flanker now with Askeans, makes his debut for

Kent against Devon. Cornwall, who fought a stiryears ago, defend an unbeaten record against Hertfordshire at Croxley Green. Hertfordshire have not beaten the men from the West in four previous encounters but will have the The championship is now help of seven Saracens as they

#### Bath receive a timely boost against USSR

Glen George, the captain.

There are three vital areas

BATH'S players return from a brief excursion across the Chan-nei to play London Scottish today, heartened by their 13-7 defeat of the Soviet Union on Thursday in the Toulouse centenary tournament (David Hands writes). Fielding essen-tially a second XV, Bath won with a try by Lumsden and three penalties from Reeman and will play Toulouse in the semi-finals

on December 19. In the tournament's other match, Toulouse beat a Romalosing Ion, their booker, sent off early in the second half. The tournament resumes on December 15 when Queensland play Western Samoa and Wellington

meet Fiji. Pierre Berbizier, the former captain and scrum half of France, has been included in the most recent national training squad. Berbizier was dropped midway through last season after disagreements with Jacques Fouroux, then the coach. PRENCH SQUAD: Secio: 8 Blanco (Blar-ritz), P Bèret (Agen), P Legisquet (Bay-onne), P Hostas (Blarritz), T Lacrotx (Dax), D Capavot (Racing Club), F Mesnel (Racing Club), P Saint-André (Mont-lerrand), L Burg (Brive), J-B Lafond

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

well on six occasions, drawn with Wellington College, 12-12,

and lost only to Bedford, 9-3,

Christ College, Brecon, 32-0,

and Haileybury, 6-4. Their cap-

tain, Giles Rhys-Jones, broke an

ankle in the first match, suffered

concussion on his return but is

Much credit is due to teams

who recover from a poor start.

Cliften lost narrowly to

Blundell's and were heavily

beaten by Downside but have

won every match since, includ-ing a 8-3 win against Marl-

borough, in a fixture that started in 1864, They also beat Christ College, Brecon, 13-0.

A similar pattern has ap-

peared at Sniplake, who lost Mail Cup.

now back in the side.

Previously, Dulwich had won

(Racing Ctub), S Weller (Granoble), B Lecombo (Agen), D Camberabero (Bézers), A Ponsod (Brive), P Barbizier (Agen), H Sanz (Narbonne), A Hueber (Agen), H Sanz (Narbonne), A Hueber (Lourdes), Forwards: E Alebarte (Brive), G Lascube (Agen), L Seigne (Agen), P Gimbert (Bégles), P Marocco (Mont-de-Marsen), J-F Gournegne (Bézers), M Techdiem (Racing Chub), O Roumat (Day, J Condom (Biarriz), H Cheffardo (Granobie), X Stond (Recing Chu), P Benetico (Agen), L Cabannes (Racing Chu), M Courdols (Begles), G Pages (Rodez), M Cacillon (Bourgoin), E Mehille (Toulon), C Deslandes (Racing Chu),

Andy Everett will miss his first match this season for Oxford University against London Welsh at Old Deer Park today. He has a stomach complaint and Simon Whiteside props instead in a XV which, in all other respects, looks like the one which will be announced on Monday to play Cambridge on December 11.

• Rosslyn Park break new ground with a match at Roehampton this morning against Tbilisi. The Georgian side has already played two matches in Sussex. © Richard Mogg, the centre, who retired last season, has been

heavily to Radley, 22-0, and St Edward's, Oxford, 46-0, then reeled off a sequence of nine

wins, including their first against Bloxham, 17-12.

The teams with previously unbeaten records fared dif-

ferently. The Perse lost to Bishop's Stortford, 17-3, but

Silcoates survived a warm wel-come at Pocklington, drawing 3-

3. Pocklington have lost only to

Woodhouse Grove.
Wirralls have ten wins from

11 matches, having lost only to Merchant Taylor's, whereas RGS Newcastle have won 11,

drawn one and lost two matches. They defeated the successful Bradford GS team, 10-6, and meet Leeds GS in the

north-east final of the Daily

recalled by Gloucester as scrum half against Leicester today.

Hope and Grudie: Inchard to and Croe; Glenelg to Kilchoan Ormsary; Mull; Islay and Jura; Luce; Bladnoch; Cree and Fleet;

ine fishermen showed little change. The numbers caught were; in 1987, 71,126; in 1988, 96.500; in 1989, 88.007.

The total salmon caught in Scotland, if one includes the commercial netsmen, is around 278,000, little higher than in previous years. All these statistics should be interpreted with

#### Gallic Prince has Midlands National target after game Sandown success



Huntworth (left) and the eventual winner, Gallic Prince, duelling for the lead in the P & O Handicap Chase at Sandown yesterday

# Tote urged to consider Joel steps out for making offer for Hills

By RICHARD EVANS as no doubt their board has

opportunity that may arise to buy betting shops," he said. Tote Bookmakers currently

has 145 off-course betting shops.

It used to have 240 but sold off

what were considered to be the less profitable outlets, although

it still buys shops on suitable

ham Hill would now be well below the £685 million paid out

Senior executives of the Tote alerted Lord Wyatt to the possibility of the William Hill

year ago.

It is understood there are no

THE Jockey Club yesterday called on the Tote to consider buying William Hill if the chain of 1,600 betting shops is offered for sale by the financially troubled. already appreciated." With relations between racing's rulers and the state-owned bookmakers at a low ebb, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, the bled Brent Walker group. septuagenarian chairman of the Tote, was diplomatically cau-tious yesterday. "The Tote al-ways considers carefully any

if, and it is a huge if, the nation's second largest group of bookmakers came under the control of the Horserace Totalisator Board, it could transform racing's dismal financial for-tunes, underlined this week by the Zetland report. William Hill was purchased by Breat Walker for £685 mil-

lion last December from Grand Metropolitan and is one of the gems in George Walker's trou-bled empire. The Jockey Club, reacting yesterday to suggestions that it was considering raising cash to buy William Hill, said in a

statement: "The Jockey Club is not aware that William Hill is for sale and it is not in discussion with them. "It is in the interests of racing that betting outlets stay in business and if these shops do come on the market it would

appear to present an opportu-nity for the Tote to extend their

chain coming onto the market before yesterday's unexpected development, and there have been discussions at board level. Tote Bookmakers significantly, Piggott backs Southwell

LESTER Piggott yesterday pledged to make unfashionable back is not too bad at all. All-baunt despite leaving the property of the prop

haunt, despite leaving the course empty-handed on his British all-weather debut.

so far shunned Southwell, the 11-times former champion was tinghamshire track. surprisingly good and I hope to be here three times a week throughout the winter," Piggott

"I've ridden on tracks similar to this in America and this one rides very well. The horses seem

**FISHING** 

Scotland's

we need it because there are so many more horses in training

Although Pat Eddery, Steve
Cauthen and Willie Carson have
Piggott finished second twice
and unplaced three times, com-Piggott finished second twice ing closest to victory on Gaiety, beaten half a length at 2-1 on in the Coopers Deloitte Maiden

The day's riding honours were shared by Emma O'Gorman, who rode a 2514-1 double for her father, Bill, on Rejoice and Mystic Crystal, and Bryn Crossley with a 545-1 double on Stack Rock and Hidden.

The Jockey Club's interven-tion could not have been better timed as Brent Walker had until midnight last night to find the final £20 million towards an allimportant £103 million convertible bonds issue. Unless the money is forthcoming, the banks may refuse to defer debt repayments. Brent Walker cur-rently owes £1.4 billion of which

more than £120 million is due to be repaid over the next 12 If the bonds issue deadline is not met, it would be open to the banks to seal Walker's fate and bring in caretaker executives. Should that happen, the highly profitable William Hill subsidiary could soon be on the market. Ladbrokes, the nation's landing beginning. legal hurdles in the way of the Tote raising the money which would be needed to buy William hill, although Home Office approval would almost certainly face a Monopoapproval would almost certainly face a Monopobles and Mergers Commission enquiry should they attempt to hid

The Marquess of Zetland said last night: "It would be thrilling if the Tote could really become involved in the betting market. It would be fantastic and provide much needed extra revenue for racing."

City report, page 38 Racing next week

MONDAY: Kelso, Worcester. TUESDAY: Newcastle, Fontwell WEDNESDAY: Catterick Bridge, Huntingdon, Ludlow, Southwell THURSDAY: Windsor, Taumton, Uttoxeter, Lingfield Park (AW). FRIDAY: Cheltenham, Doncaster,

.SATURDAY: Chettenham, Doncaster, Lingfield Park, Towcester. (Flat meeting in bold)

● Cash Asmussen, Willie Carson, Pat Eddery and Michael Kinane form the European team in the world super jockeys' series, which takes place in Kyoto, Japan today and tomorrow.

# emotional double

By RICHARD EVANS

AN OVERCAST afternoon's racing at Sandown was transformed into an emotionally charged celebration yesterday when the Queen Mother was on hand to congratulate Jim Joel on a glorious 35-1 double.

The poignant moment was not lost on the crowd at the Esher track and tears were shed by some of those who crowded round the winner's enclosure after Book Of Gold's victory in the Marten Julian National Hunt Guide Hurdle. Joel, aged 96 and making his

first racecourse visit of the season, welcomed the promising losh Gifford-trained horse after an exhilarating race and was soon joined by the Queen Mother, whose runner, Furry Knowe, finished third. National Hunt's best loved

supporters, whose combined ages total 186 years, chatted quietly, enquired about each other's horses and talked about future plans. Their love of the sport was evident for all to see. Casting emotion to one side,

Joel can look forward to further success with The Parson gelding. With 23 runners in arguably one of the strongest novice hurdle races of the season, Book Of Gold looked likely to finish second best to long-time leader Change The Act as the pair came to the last.

Despite being hindered by the ader jumping across his path, Richard Rowe conjured a last ditch effort from Bock Of Gold coming up the hill to win by half

Book Of Gold, who beat the at Newbury recently, is bound for the Cheltenham festival but is unlikely to appear again before Christmas following his hard race, Gifford reported.

Joel has 15 jumpers in training with Gifford, Andy Turnell, David Nicholson and Tim Thomson Jones, Coruscate, also trained by Gifford, completed a

down for one match in ac-

cordance with Gymkhana's new

disciplinary policy. Bansal, who is injured, is replaced at right half by Parmi Soor.

Wakefield, who have yet to

win a match, can entertain little

hope against Houselow, the champions, but Welton, the other Yorkshire club, are

expecting to move off the bot-

tom of the table by taking points

from Cannock. Havant, third in the placings,

renew rivalry at Ottery St Mary with Isca, who they lost to 3-2 last season. Slough, also in the running for the title, are at full

strength for their match against

Neston at Bisham Abbey. East Grinstead, having lost their last

match to Bromley, can expect another hard game against

Cambridge City, having

drawn three points clear in the second division, will need a superlative effort to hold back

second-placed Trojans, who have plenty of sparkle up front and Paul Tubb among the

leading scorers on six goals.

Bournville, level with Trojans, appear to have too much power

David Leiper, the most in-

fluential player in Scotland over

the past decade, has announced

for struggling Warrington.

his retirement.

remarkable afternoon for Joel with a gutsy win in the Crownco

Novices' Chase. Paul Green, another National Hunt stalwart, is dreaming of a first festival success with Tyrone Bridge, trained by Martin Pipe.
The four-year-old won as a 5-1
on shot should in the Crowngap
Winter Novices' Hurdle, and
impressed Richard Dunwoody with his clever jumping.

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After 20 years of owning jumpers, Green has enjoyed victory at Cheltenham only once, with Very Promising in the Mackeson. He now scents the chance of ending his festival hoodoo. "If I thought we could definitely win the opening race of the festival (the Supreme Novices' Hurdle) that is where we will go. If we thought we had a real chance in the Champion Hurdle, we would go for that."

The Midlands Grand National, staged at Uttoxeter on the Saturday after the Cheltenham Gallie Prince following a thrilling victory in the P & O Handicap Chase.

What the Philip Hobbstrained I 1-year-old lacks in size, he makes up with in heart. Despite not having had a previous run this term, the ponysized chaser outgunned Huntworth and Bigsun in a thrilling finish up the hill.

No-one was more surprised by the success than the trainer. He is a horse you would always thinks needs a run. I didn't give him much chance today.'

Faaris was a high-priced year-Thomson Jones on the Flat and subsequently by Barney Curiey. Now aged nine and with Gardie Grissell, the Troy gelding is flourishing and made the transition from tight tracks such as Fontwell and Plumpton to record the fourth victory of his jumping career in the Crowngap Construction Handicap Chase

#### STUDENT SPORT

#### Canoe title is a close run thing

By MIKE LAMB

THE Nottingham University men's canoe team beat strong opposition from Birmingham and Leeds to win the British universities' white water championship on the River Dee in Llangolien. Only one second separated the first three, the holders, Leeds, having to settle for joint second place.

Nottingham also won the mixed team event with Simon Twigger and Linda Kirk Twigger also took the silver in the C1 event for the second year running, behind Alan Clough, the British international from Leeds.

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RESULTS: Menr, Team: 1, Nothingham: 2, Barmingham; 3, Leeds. K1: 1, M Giffham (Birmingham); 11:07: 2, C Chesholm (Blasgow), 11:14: 3, N Gediand (Birmingham), 11:18. Ctr. 1, A Clough (Leeds), 12:38: 2, S Twigger (Nothingham), 13:13. Women: K1: 1, B Thomas (Cambridge), 13:24: 2, L Kirk (Nothingham), 13:21: 3, A Swan (Cambridge), 14:10. Mixed: C2: 1, Twigger and Kirk (Nothingham), 12:07: 3, Hall and Mather (Birmingham), 13:07: 3, Hall and Knight (Leeds), 13:20.

• The British Colleges football squad has been announced for the February fixture against English Schools.

English Schools.

SOUAD-S Hemming (Bedford), X Bowere (Bedford), P Westers (Bedford), P Westers (Bedford), P Westers (Bedford), P Westers (Bedford), I Williams (Bengor Normal), M Bekkrey (Bengor Normal), M Bekkrey (Bengor Normal), M Cardiff), P Cardiff), P Cardiff, P Childley (Cardiff), P Fenner (Cardiff), P Cardiff), P Demanded (Chethontum and Gloucester), P Demanded (Derbyshire), P Carlingher (St May's), W Staw (Crew and Alsoger), M Staelgenburger (Trefty and Al Salate), A

• The executive committee of the University Commission for Sport and Culture in the European Community (Cescu) has met in Strasbourg to consider proposals to run a series of short courses covering various aspects of sport which can be offered to students of the EC.

The committee received sub-missions from France Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Ireland and The Netherlands. The sports studies vary from the high-level preparation of ath-letes to the study of the impact of leisure on the environment.

Representatives of the European parliament have expressed support and will present a resolution in the coming weeks enabling the EC to work with Cescu to develop plans.

#### HOCKEY

# St Albans try to stay ahead

dearth of sea trout NEWLY promoted St Albans, enjoying life at the head of the Poundstretcher National League, are hoping to remain there after they have played Old Longhtonians at Clarence Park

By CONRAD VOSS BARK OFFICIAL statistics have been released showing the decline in the numbers of sea trout caught tomorrow in one of the day's more attractive matches.

Andy Halliday, captain of St four western districts of Scot-land last year.

They are as follows:

Curiously, there was an in-crease in the catches of sea trout by anglers in the Clyde area from 7,864 to 8,448 over the same period. The figures are given in the annual statistics published by the Scottish Office

in Edinburgh. The decline in the Scottish catch on the western coasts is reflected also in the decline of the Irish catch, also on their western coastal rivers

On the eastern Scottish coastal rivers some of the rodand-line catches showed an improvement. The overall sea trout catch by anglers for Scotland as a whole was 42,519 in 1989 compared with 54,082 in

Fishery scientists in Scotland and Ireland are co-operating to see if they can discover the trout. Some famous rivers had practically none at all. Among the worst-hit areas were:

Kirkaig; Kennart to Gruinard; Ewe; Badachro to Applecross; Kishorn and Carron; Loch Long Morar to Shiel; Skye and Small Isles; Sunart and Aline; Sanad to Creran; Awe and Nell; Add and Dee (Kirkcudbright); Urr; Nith

Salmon catches by rod-andgories being disputed.

loaded in their favour. However, they came unstuck in front of their home crowd as the French European light-heavyweight champion

By Sydney Friskin worth a higher position than match last week, has been stood ninth, have won two of their

four matches and lost the other two but are expecting quick returns tomorrow from Nick Thompson, who was with the bourne, Jennings and Gladman. Second-placed Indian Gym-Albans, has scored six goals. Other leading marksmen, De khana are at home to Southgate, who are in eleventh position having played only three matches. Sunny Soor, who re-

Olympic arena above the bar-

riers of country flags and national anthems.

A meeting of the executive committee of the IHU has been

called for next Saturday when the overall vote is expected to be

in favour of competing in the

Olympic qualifying tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, from October 12 to 25 next year.

The Great Britain board is aware of the situation in Ireland

but has not reacted publicly to it. The fact that the touring

Pakistan team will play inter-

national matches against Great Britain as well as Ireland in

August next year compounds the problem of the two

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have an influence on the game. Old Loughtonians, probably ceived a yellow temporary suspension card in a friendly Ireland may go it alone

FOR the first time in its 98-year history, the Irish Hockey Union (IHU) is poised to participate independently in the Olympic Games - two of its constituent branches, Leinster and Munster, having voted unanimously in favour of the move (Sydney Friskin writes).
The province of Ulster, two of

Groot, the short-corner expert,

Anderson, and Emerson, can all

whose players, Martin and Kirk-wood, are in the Great Britain Olympic training squad, are opposed to the proposal, albeit by a slender majority in the balloting conducted at both council and club level.

On this evidence, a sizeable proportion of Ulster hockey representation is now ready to place Ireland's entry into the

Traineau and his

Frenchmen steal Japanese thunder By NICOLAS SOAMES IT WAS left to the world Geymond, at middleweight, Japanese opponents one after heavyweight champion, Naoya gave France her first gold med-Ogawa, to save face for Japan on als in the event. This is something no Briton has every achieved, although Brian Jacks and Neil Adams the first day of the Kano Cup in Tokyo yesterday after two French fighters had given su-perb displays to win the gold

have both won bronzes. Middlemedals in the other two cateweight Densign White, with a dislocated finger sustained last weekend in Wolverhampton With four Japanese competstill in bad shape, was unable to reach medal position. itors in each weight in this competition, which is held once He won his first fight with a every four years, the dice are fine shoulder throw for waza-ari

Egypt, but lost a decision to the Korean, Suk Kyu Kim. Although Traincau was among the favourite with his compatriot, Jean-Louis muscular style and crushed his

against Walced Mohammed, of

another, including Michiaki Komachi in the final, Geymond was a surprise packet. He threw the Japanese world champion, Hirotaka Okada, for

ippon (10 points) with a rear counter that knocked the wind out of the Japanese audience as well as Okada himself. And then he dealt similarly with Yoshiyuki Fusamae in the final, in 13 seconds.

SCORIGS.

RZSULTS: Heavyweight (over \$5 kflos):

1. N Ogawa (Japan): 2. J Konno (Japan): 3.

H Stocke (Ger) and K Kim (Korea): Light-heavyweight (under \$5 kflos): 1, \$
Transau (Fr): 2. M Komacht (Japan): 3. T
Meljer (Nesh) and Y Kai (Japan). Micdis-weight (under \$6 kflos): 1, J-I. Geymond

(Fr): 2. Y Fusamse (Japan): 3, O Meltsev
(USSR) and H Okada (Japan).

# Waterloo Boy to take command

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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IN PREFERRING to ride Waterioo Boy in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown today when his alternative choice was none other than Desert Orchid, Richard Dunwoody has put his judgement on the line.

He alone has ridden the famous grey since Simon Sherwood retired and during that time they have won both the King George VI Chase at Kempton and the Irish Grand National.

But both those races were over much further than to- David Elsworth has never day's contest, and that in part made a secret that he regards helps to explain Dunwoody's today's race as being a stepdecision to partner Waterloo ping stone en route to Boy, who is regarded as a twomile specialist. This talented what he hopes will be a recordhorse was beaten only half a breaking fourth win there. length by Barnbrook Again in the Queen Mother Champion Desert Orchid will not be Cheltenham in March.

is that Desert Orchid's trainer partnered for the first time by eight lengths behind Waterloo



#### Bradley: first ride on Desert Orchid

That does not mean that Chase over today's trip at trying his heart out today. because he always does what-The other point to consider ever the situation. He will be

not be surprising if he is beaten over the minimum trip, just as he was 12 months ago by Waterloo Boy's stable companion Long Engagement

Waterloo Boy enters the fray having been sharpened by a fine effort at Haydock where he failed by only I'v lengths to give 24lb to Katabatic, the winner of the Grand Annual Challenge Cup at Cheltenham last March.

That was basically the first real race of this season for Waterloo Boy since he was virtually knocked over during a collision in mid-flight first time out at Devon and Exeter in the race in which Sabin Du Loir beat Desert Orchid by six lengths. On that occasion they all met at level weights, Today, Desert Orchid must give 16lb to Waterioo Boy and 4lb more to Sabin Du Loir, who has been beaten over hurdles in the meantime. Last season. Sabin Du Loir finished nearly

Graham Bradley, but it will Boy in Cheltenham's two mile opposition championship.

Well that I expect Young of the Welsh Grand National Snugfit to go today, especially if he is given his head from the

Whereas Playschool has had start, I still cannot countemore than his fair share of problems since those halcyon days, Carrick Hill Lad, who is five years his junior, would wick a fortnight ago will be appear to be on the upgrade, looking at Jenny Pitman's useful five-year-old Wonder judged on the way that he won at Ayr first time out this season. He will certainly relish Man as the likely winner of the William Hill Handicap the ground.

Later in the programme, it will be fascinating to see how Yahoo, who ran Desert Or-chid so close in the 1988 Cheltenham Gold Cup but who was so disappointing last season, goes in the Lasmo Rehearsal Chase for which Bonanza Boy, Four Trix, and Boraceva have also stood their ground

Bonanza Boy is preferred since he has such a fine record on the track. Also, he ran nicely at Haydock first time out without quite managing to Save & Prosper Handicap Chase at Chepstow and his Party Politics.

# at Auteuil

FREDDIE Head makes his hurdling debut at Auteuil tomorrow when he partners Avaleur in the Prix Leon Olry-Roederer, the feature race of the programme (Our French Racing Correspondent writes).

Although Head has been riding out for Bernard Secly, he will make his debut on a horse trained by David Smaga, for whom he has ridden many Flat winners, as his intended mount, Klein, is sidelined through

injury.

Head's express intention is to ride a winner at Auteuil to maintain a family tradition that stretches back four generations, but he faces a stiff task tomor-row and may have to settle for a minor role behind two smart hurdlers, Rose Or No and the mare Chevestraye.

The Willie Jarvis-trained Pe-

rus has been invited to run in the Hong Kong Invitational Cup run at Sha Tin on December 16.

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Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 Bookcase. 1.15 Tristan's Comet. 1.45 Qannaas. 2.15 Oceanus. 2.45 A Friend Of Mine. 3.15 Celtic Sunlight.

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

12.45 CANDLE MEADOW NOVICES HURDLE

1 12 BOOK CASE 21 (BF.D.G) D Baworth 11-7. P Hollay (3) 112 BOOK CASE 21 (BF.D.F) T McGovern 11-7. Ill Kinane 3 GBS1 CORRITHAM (GBL 9 (B.D.F) R Deten 11-2 Memotifs (7)

4 BEAULOLAIS WOUNEAU 28'F M Charson 11-2

5 SRAVE GUESTKON 31'F B Curley 11-0 D Murphy
6 CHAMPAGNE GOLD 51F J McConnoche 11-0 J Shorat
7 DARTINGTON HALL 31'F A Hide 11-0 M Center (7)
8 DIAMOND SMCH 155F J Wahrwright 11-0 M Center (7)
9 P JEHLY PP 11 J Meckle 11-0 S J O'Nel
10 MEZICAN VISION 51F I Campbell 11-0 R Campbell
11 PUFFY 22F RONAIC Thompson 11-0 M Leese (7)
12 WAKE UP 33F R O'Leary 11-0 M Leese (7)
13 PETRADARE 360'F B McMarton 10-9 Gary Lyonz (8)
14 SMUGGLE 14 M Tompthen 10-9 S Seath Eccles
6-4 Boolcass, 5-2 Olympian, 5-1 Snuggle, 6-1 Brave uestion, 14-1 Beaujolais Nouveau, 20-1 orthers.
15 TON UP SELLING HURDLE (C1 940: 2m) (21)

1.15 TON UP SELLING HURDLE (£1,940: 2m) (21)

BELTALONG 28F J Wherton 4-11-2 S J O'Neill ADAMAR 37 J Thomas 3-10-7 I Lawrence BLUE BELL RESONS 18F R Marvin 3-10-7

GPOC FINE WARRIOR 12 (B) W Ciny 3-10-7 Worthington
OPOC FINE WARRIOR 12 (B) W Ciny 3-10-7 R Bowan (S)
O KINGS ALDERMAIN 12 W Musson 3-10-7 R Bowan (S)
O KINGS ALDERMAIN 12 W Musson 3-10-7 C Smith
6 KINGSMENE F M Channon 3-10-7 N McLollen (F)
O MESSON CODE 7 M Murphy 3-10-7 S Kalghday
ONS PHARLY PIZZ 7 J Washwright 3-10-7 N Robbit (S)
OPSYCHO SONRY 3 Mrs A Kright 3-10-7 D Batthews (T)
4 SUPPREME DANCER 11 N Tricker 3-10-7 NON-RURNER
D TREACLE MINE 5 Ronald Thompson 3-10-7
NON-RURNER
D TREACLE MINE 5 Ronald Thompson 3-10-7
NON-RURNER

D Gallaghe

ments (dead): St Cadoc, Home Straight, Finchglow, Green Spur, Friend in Dead, Right Step, Growing Pitrase, Cracidal, Corrupt Account, Bletschhorn Hut, Grest Aunt Safe, Rantier, Land

(£1,360: 2m) (14 runners)

#### Head goes Flying Toranfield hurdling can collect again can collect again

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Following an overnight re- distance. arrangement, loday's programme starts with the most exciting race of the day, the Ir£7,000 Drinmore Chase.

There may only be four Hurdle. declared runners for this event, of the best novice chasers seen so far this season.

winners over fences including the Arthur Moore-trained Joyful beaten only a head by Deep Sensation in the Tote Gold

Trophy Hurdle at Newbury.

On his second outing over fences, Joyful Noise came from behind to beat Rook-Tee by six lengths at Navan. However, on this coercion he may be become this occasion he may be beaten for speed over the jumps by the very exciting six-year-old Torantield, who attacked his fences with gusto at Naas, and won pulling up by four lengths

from Atteses.
Today, Atteses takes him on again with a 4lb pull in the weights, but will be hard pressed

NO ONE can accuse Fairyhouse of the quartet, Potential Pin. of saving its best race until last. would probably prefer a longer

Fairyhouse also stages a jumping programme tomorrow and here the highlight will be the lr£15,000 Chiquita Juenile

Nordic Surprise, a smart rebut the quartet consists of some cruit from the Flat, won with of the best novice chasers seen great case on his first outing over jumps at Leopardstown. All of them are previous going right away in the straight to beat King Of Zurich by six lengths. The 7lb penalty should Noise, who earlier this year was no prevent Nordic surprise confirming the form with King of Zurich, and adding another to

**Barton** post

PAUL Barton, the former National Hunt jockey, has been appointed as a stewards' sec-relary by the Jockey Club. It is the first time that racing's ruling body has employed a former professional rider as a stipendiary steward.

#### SANDOWN PARK

Selections By Mandarin

12.55 General James.

1.25 Granvillewaterford.

2.30 Waterloo Boy. 3.00 Gay Edition. 3.30 King's Curate.

Michael Seely's selection; 2.30 WATERLOO BOY (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 WONDER MAN.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 00000 TRICES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ...

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F - tell. P - pulsed up. U - irresented rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name, Days since last outing: F if flat. (B - binkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyeshield. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and the refused of the result of the refused of the r

Going: good to firm (ch); good to soft, good to firm patches (hdle) 12.55 HENRY VIII NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,616: 2m 18yd) (5

FORM FOCUS ACRE HELL 9/sil 5th to novice hundle at Accot (2m 4f, firm); previously running-on 3I 2nd to Tilidary here (2m, good).

GENERAL JAMES beat Knockennis 3I in test time at Kempton (2m, good to firm); previously 173 3rd to Addra Bond at Ascot (2m 4f, firm). HARD TO LIVE never dangerous when well besten 7th of 8 to Selection; GENERAL JAMES

1.25 WILLIAM HILL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,595: 2m) (10

52-13 VICEROY JESTER 23F (D,F) (F Broom) R Holder 5-17-10 N Mann 82 91233-1 GRANVELEWATERFORD 12 (D,G) (Mrs D Stamp) S Sherwood 5-17-6 J Ceberne 80 60-312 SALAMANDER JOE 17 (D,G) (G Mordeunt) D Nicholson 5-11-1 R Destroody 9 99 46 P-341 BELKOREDEAN 25 (D,F) (J Hartnett) R D'Sustran 5-10-12 Mr Perrett 88 609-11 KENTISH PIPER 14 (D,G) (M Gibson) N Gaselee 5-10-11 A Adass 85 0F-1120 KING WILLIAM 25 (D,F) (Group I Racing Ltd) J Spearing 5-10-10 R Gasel 85 0F-1120 KING WILLIAM 25 (D,F) (Group I Racing Ltd) J Spearing 5-10-10 C Manne 85 23 GRAMINES 36 (BF) (F Defmet Partners) J Gifford 5-10-9 C Manne 95 23 GRAMINES 36 (BF) (J Bartoy) P Holdes 4-10-7 C Manne 97 3 3/054-8 YOUNG FACT 36 (BF,S) (Kingsley Holdeys Ltd) J Baker 5-10-4 S Eastrough (7) 85 BETTENGS 5-2 GRAMINES rroy Jester, 14-1 Graminie, You am. 20-1 B

1989: MONTALINO 6-10-1 R Rowe (8-1) J Gifford 7 ran

1.00 CARRICK HILL LAD (nap).

Going: good, good to soft patches

2.05 Bonanza Boy.

FORM FOCUS VICENCY JESTER 1 S/NI Cashly best Heir of Excitament 11 at Morceater (2m., good to firm).

GRAINVALEWARTERFORD best Arred a comfortable S/I at Windsor (2m. 30yd, good).

SALAMANDER JOE running-on 15t 2nd to Lake Terren at Worceater (2m. 4f, good).

SALAMANDER JOE running-on 15t 2nd to Lake to best Revero a head at Strationd (2m., good).

BELINOREDEAN ridden out to beat Secret Summit 5 at Plumpton (2m., good to firm).

KENTISH PEPER held on to beat Statis Drum 5t under large weight at Warwick (2m., good). KINS

2.35 All Jeff. 3.05 Double Handfull. 3.35 Gaelic Frolic.

#### **Course specialists**

TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** 38.4 22.7 21.8 18.1 16.7 16.4 N Mann M Pitman E Murphy L Harvey M Richards

CHEPSION

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Seely's selection: 1.0 Carrick Hill Lad.

1.0 SAVE AND PROSPER HANDICAP CHASE (\$4,737: 3m 3f) (6 BBCT

1982: POLYFEMUS 7-11-5 J White (4-1) M Robinson 10 ran

1983: BONANZA BOY 8-11-10 P Scudemore (4-1) M Pipe 6 ran

FORM FOCUS BONANZA 80Y, an impressive winner of impressive on this race last year (good), is Boaly to impress on 1904, soft). BOALCVA fell latest term when 77 Pour Trick 13%1 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 3rd to Cartick Hill Lad at Ayr (Amoron 17) 4rd

2.0 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (Grade III: £20,750: 2m) (13 ( ... C4:

nance victory in this

Hurdle even though the sec-

oud-last hurdle caught him

out that day. On that occasion

Deep Sensation, Atlaal, and

Wonder Man were all vying

for the lead and seemingly

going as well as each other at

the time. In the meantime,

Atlaal has run well to finish

second in a graded race at

Newbury, yet today he must give Wonder Man I lib and I

doubt him doing so. Carrick Hill Lad is today's

nap, even though he is bur-

dened with top weight for the

Anyone who was at War-

company.

301 112P01/ YAMEEB 3GF (D.G.S) (Mrs A Fawcett) M W Easterry b-11-14 302 215-911 STRATFORD PONDS 22 (CD.F.G) (R Waters) O Sherwood 5-11-10 (2s 303 1350-22 ATLAAL 7 (BF.D.F.G) (O Donnelly) J Jenkins 5-11-8 304 3540-21 PEANLTS PET 14 (D.F.G.S) (L Perry) B McMarkon 5-11-8 (4ex) 305 F02-522 MIDFIELDER 21 (B.D.S) (Boursetvern '7') P Hobbs 4-11-5 305 F02-522 MIDFIELDER 21 (B.D.S) (Boursetvern '7') P Hobbs 4-11-5 305 F02-52- MIDFIELDER 21 (B.D.S) (Boursetvern '7') P Hobbs 4-11-5 305 F02-52- WONDER MAN 14 (CD.G.S) (Afts S Robins) Mrs J Phrasm 5-10-12 309 1558-3-P WITHOUT A DOUBT 21 (D.S) (T Tais) T Tais 8-10-10 305 1558-3-P WITHOUT A DOUBT 21 (D.S) (T Tais) T Tais 8-10-10 311 331-132 COE 26 (CD.F.G) (M Blackburn) R Alephurst 4-10-7 312 32-4282 ELEGANT STRANGER 7 (BF.D.F.G.S) (B Bets) M Tompkins 5-10-0 131 120/1-44 ARASTOU 8 (D.F.G) (L Murphy) Miss B Sanders 7-10-0 1-4 Arastou 9-1 112P01/ YAMEED 35F (D.Q.S) (Mrs. A Fewcett) M W Easterby 6-11-12 R Merley 215-311 STRATFORD PONDS 22 (CD.F.Q) (R Waters) O Sherwood 6-11-10 (2xx)... J Ceborne 1350-22 ATLAAL 7 (BF.D.F.Q) (O Donnelly) J Jenions 5-11-9 R Durmoody de (5)

Long handleap: Elegant Stranger 9-11, Arastou 9-1 BETTING: 7-2 Wonder Man, 4-1 Liadett, 11-2 Midfleider, 6-1 Peanuts Pet, 8-1 Stratford Ponds, 10-1 Atlaal, 12-1 Without A Doubt, Coe, Persian Style, 16-1 others. 1989; LIADETT 4-10-0 J Lower (12-1) M Pipe 6 ren

FORM FOCUS STRATFORD PONDS best Deadly Charm Nk in a 3-numer race at Chellenham (2m, good to firm), on responser-now him is a 3-numer race at Chellenham (2m, good to firm). PERSANA STYLE best provided with a solve off) 38 4th and Nk in a 3-numer race at Chellenham (2m, good to firm). 25i over this course and distance (good to firm). ATLAL 15i, 2nd to Delway in a slowly run race at Newbury (2m 100yd, good; previously 3i, 2nd to Deepo Sensation at Warwick (2m, good) with WONDER MAN (14th bester off) stravilled when beating Persilient 3i at Kempton DER MAN (14th bester off) travilling well and noiding every charce when failing 2 out.

PEANUTS PET best Al Asoci SI at Asoci (2m, good to firm) on responserance, with MIDFELDER (7th bester off) 31 is 5th. ELEGANT STRANGER 113 rd to M I Bable at Towcestur (2m, good) kitest.

2.30 TINGLE CREEK LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE (Grade II: £15,703: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

Long bandlesp: Young Snught 9-10, Cashew King 9-3 BETTING: 6-4 Waterloo Boy, 2-1 Sabin du Loir, 4-1 Desert Orchid, 6-1 Young Snught, 10-1 Cashew

1989: LONG ENGAGEMENT 8-10-0 B Powell (9-2) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS DESERT ORCHED best Barney Burnett 12 in the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse (3m 44, good to firm).

12 in the Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse (3m 44, good) on final start last sesson. WATERLOO BOY 13/12 and to Katebaric at Heydock (2m, soft) latest.

SABIN DU LOR made all to best DESERT ORCHED best VOING SNUGFIT (8b better off) a distance in a valuable novices chass at Ascot (2m, good) on appearance, with WATERLOO BOY (4b worse off) close up when unseating his rider 6 out; latest 31 2nd

Selection: DESERT ORCHED

3.9 EWELL INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£5,182: 3m 118yd) (4 runners) 501 214-417 KARAKTER REFERENCE 30 (D,F) (8 Bolton) R O'Sullivan 6-11-10 M Petrett 98
502 352-122 MADYNA 14 (D,F) (E Parker) D Barons 6-11-5 R Greece (7) 94
503 161-1012 GAY EDITION 9 (F,G) (A Hobbs) P Hobbs 8-11-1 C Messe (5) 91
504 0522-31 LAUDERDALE LAD 9 (F,S) (Hills Of Swindon Ltd) J King 8-10-0 R Dunwoody 9 99

Long handicap: Lauderdale Lad 9-9 1969: 21,000 8-11-3 M Perrett (9-4) S Mellor 3 ran

3.30 DOUG BARROTT HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,068: 2m 5f 75yd) (16 runners)

2.35 ARLINGTON PREMIER SERIES CHASE QUALIFIER (£3,720: 2m BEC)

1989: WAYERLOO BOY 6-11-7 J Osborne (7-4 j-fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS ALL JEFF rounded of test season with 5 of 31 defect of Conthermore at Kempton (3m, good) with UNDER OFFER (4th better off) 301 3rd.

Gefect of Renagam at Feithynouse (2m 8f, yielding), the Copperative best Pacific Sound 201 in novice chase at Wolverhempton (2m 41, good to finm) and is on appraids. We have the control of the

3.5 SOUTH WALES SHOWERS AND MIRA SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,506: 2m 4f) (7

1989: CHASMARELLA 4-10-11 S Murphy (6-1) A Davison 15 ran 3.35 FLURRY KNOX HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: 22,285: 3m) (19 runners)

(£2,368: 2m 6f) (6)

WEIHERBY Selections

By Mandarin 12.45 San Pier Niceto. 1.15 Tactico. 1.45 Nineofus. 2.15 Stay On Tracks. 2.45 Dawson City. 3.20 Otterburn House.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Highfrith.

Going: good to firm, good back straight SIS 12.45 THORP ARCH NOVICES HURDLE (Div 1: £1,506: 2m) (7 runners)

1 SAN PIER NICETO 24 (D,G) M Hammond 11-0 CLWYD LODGE 28F D Thom 18-7.
FASTAUFAN 82F R Whiteler 10-7
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FASSH 83LB J. Hetherton 10-7
2 GNUS ET VIOLET 11 Jimey Floogerald 10-7
HERBERTO SIF N Thider 10-7
CHIOLES ROCK 418F C Sewer 10-2. 5-4 Gris Et Violet, 8-4 Sari Piar Niceto, 6-1 Herberto, 10-1

1.15 EMMERDALE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,687:

2m 4f 100yd) (9) 1 3/2 JESTHORPE 18 (C.D.F.O.S) G Richards 9-12-0

LOHlers (3) 2 24-5 VILLIERSTOWN 38 (CD.F.G.S) W A Supherson
3 82-4 GOLD OPTIONS 11 (B.F.G.S) Jizzmy Fizzparald 8-11-0
4 F/4 NOS NA GAOTHE 10 (V.S) M H Easterby 7-11-0

4 F/4 NOS NA GAOITHE 10 (V,S) M H Easterby 7-11-0

L Wyer

5 - 33P MAGNOON 11 67.Q.S; J Eyre 7-10-9 J J Quilan

6 FP3 KARCHOMORE 16 (CD,F,G,S) M H Easterby 12-10-7

7 P-1U MESTER POINT 11 (C,D,BF,G,S) N Tinkler 8-10-5

8 1221 TACTICO 14 (B,C,D,F,D,S) J J O'Neil 8-10-3. P Nives

8 2121 TACTICO 14 (B,C,D,F,D,S) J J O'Neil 8-10-3. P Nives

3-1 Tactico, 7-2 Mister Point, 5-1 Gold Options, 6-1 Villerstown, 8-1 Nos Na Gaoiths, 10-1 Karenomore, 12-1 others.

1.45 ATS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,687: 2m) (6 1 413- FRAGRANT DAWN 322 (CD,Q.S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-12-0 F Harley (7) 2 13-3 YOUNG TY 21 (G,D,F,S) J Robinson 6-11-12

#### Barton, stable jockey to David Gandolfo for ten years, to turn the tables, while the last rode over 400 winners 2 /1-F COUTURE STOCKINGS 12 (F.G) J Machie 6-11-0 8 J O'Nelli

2.15 BINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,490: 3m)

1 -461 CROSS MASTER 19 (CD.F.G.S) T 8# 13-12-0 J Raithon 2 652U DANDY LINSTREL 5 (5F.F.G.S) E Wheeler 6-10-11 3 F-55 CAPELI CONE 12 (B,D,G,S) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-10 4 6-01 RAMBLING ECHO 15 (D,G) R Didun 9-10-5

5 4-U2 CCEARUS 16 (D.F.C) J Marting 9-10-4 .... 5-2 Cross Master, 3-1 Rambling Echo, Oceanus, 4-1 Dandy Minotrel, 8-1 Capell Cone.

2.45 Ladbroke roadshow Handicap HURDLE (£2,118: 2m 6f) (12)

1 -622 VIRIDIAN 9 (F) Mrs A King 5-12-0 T Morgan 2 PP25 MUBAARIS 9 (F,G,5) B Richmond 7-11-13 S Woods 3 84-5 STORMWATCH 11 (G,S) D Gandolfo 7-11-8 W Humphrays 4 5/0 BEAN BOY 10 (F,G) M H Easterby 12-11-8 R Probey 5 /65 GAELIC SR.VER 23 (SF,G) J McConnochie 7-11-5 8 33-1 BATTLEPLAN 26 (D.G.S) K Bridgweiser 5-11-0

7 1-06 KINGFISHER BAY 11 8 Palling 5-10-11 C Events
8 PO-P ROSTREAMER 30 (0.5) C Bravery 7-10-7 R Goldensin
9 01-5 FAR OUT 28 (S) T Berley 4-10-5 Laceder (3)
10 P-PO MEARCTIC BAY 16 (S) T 684 4-10-4 J Resilton
11 132- A FRIEND OF MINE 258 M Tompkins 4-10-0 T Kent (7)
12 09-4 ELITEFESS 15 (B,0) R Weaver 5-10-0 S MCNeill 5-1 Battieptan, 6-1 Virkhan, 7-1 A Friend Of Mine, mmwstch, 8-1 Mubeans, Rostreamer, 10-1 others.

3.15 BRADDEN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVI-CES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 6f) (10) 1 D4-0 CELTIC SUNLIGHT 17 F Jordan 5-11-10 J Lodder 2 U-S0 LADY WESTGATE 15 G Baiding 8-10-7 S Fex (S) 3 49-2 BATTLE DRIVE 14 D Augent 9-10-5 J Bailton 4 G3-0 MOUNT TORUS 25 S Christian 6-10-5 M McGonnagle (5)

5 -003 NESSFRELD 16 K Morgen 4-10-1 F M 6 F-88 GUERNSEY GERL 10 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-10-0 

11-4 Battle Drum, 7-2 Mount Torus, 5-1 Guernsey Girl, Celtic Sunlight, 13-2 Nessfield, 8-1 Lady Westgate, 10-1 others. Course specialists

3-1 Reef Native, 4-1 Kings Alderman, 5-1 Beltalong, 6-1 Internal Connect, 7-1 Astrid Gilberto, 8-1 others.

45 JAN'S GEMS FINE ART NOVICES CHASE 22,368: 2m 6f) (6)

1 1-81 CARNAAS 9 (B,F,S) Mrs D Helne 6-11-4 Smith Eccles 5 Smith Eccles 7 from 39, 10.2%. (Only qualifiers) 3-1 Reef Native, 4-1 Kings Alderman, 5-1 Beltalong, 6-1 Tristan's Comet, 7-1 Astrid Gilberto, 8-1 others. 1.45 JAN'S GEMS FINE ART NOVICES CHASE

3 1111 NINEOFUS 10 (C.D.F.G.) M H Easterby 4-11-8. L Wyer 4 1-12 SHERWOOD GUNNER 10 (CD.BF.F.G.S.) O Brennen 5 5-21 LEIGH BOY 19 (D.F.G.S.) G Noors 4-10-8... M Dayser 6 1-46 HOUGHTON 10 (CD.G.) M W Easterby 4-10-6... C Grant 7-4 Nineofus, 3-1 Sherwood Gunner, 4-1 Leigh Boy, 5-1 Fragrant Dawn, 7-1 Young Ty, 8-1 Houghton.

2.15 JOSHUA TETLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£10,170: 3m 100yd) (4) 10,170; OHI 100yo, (\*), 1 3-03 IDA'S DELIGHT 7 (C,F,G,S) J Charlton 11-11-10 B Storey

2 -22F STAY ON TRACKS 70 (0,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 8-11-5 C Grant

G McCoust G McCoost 6-4 Hightrith, 7-4 Stay On Tracks, 11-4 kla's Delight, 12-1 vel Over.

2.45 THORP ARCH NOVICES HURDLE (Div II:

£1,506: 2m) (6) 

1-2 Dawson City, 7-2 Rave De Valse, 12-1 Charty Pharty, ndabil, 16-1 others.

3.20 WALSHFORD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,646: 3m) (8)

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Robinson, 3 winners from 4 numers, 75.0%; Jimmy Fizgerald, 30 from 134, 22.4%; G Richards, 32 from 148, 21.6%; M H Easterby, 39 from 193, 20.2%; W A Stephenson, 59 from 341, 17.3%; M V Easterby, 18 from 191, 15.1%. JOCKEYS: L Wyer, 27 winners from 115 rides, 23.5%; M Dwyer, 38 from 195, 15.5%; M r S Swiers, 8 from 49, 15.3%; G McCourt, 7 from 44, 15.9%; C Grant, 38 from 249, 14.5%; C Hawkins, 15 from 126, 11.9%.

#### Results from yesterday's three meetings

Sandown Park

Golber good to firm (chese course); good to soft, good to firm back streight (hardles) 12.55 (2m 4f 68yd ch) 1. FAARIS (H Davies, 11-2); 2. Goleg Gets Tough (J Frost, 11-2); 3. Shattanagary (R Durwoody, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Elite Boy (4m), 3 Treaddor (f), 33 Imported Chempagne (8th), 66 Activities) (6th), 7 ran. NR: Chief Ironaide. 11, 33, 21, 121, 201. D Gressell at Heathfield, Totar 65:50; 23:00, 52:40. DF: 522:40. CSF: 531.36. Tricast: \$176.24. 222.40. CSF: £31.98. Tricust: £176.24.

1.25 (2m hdie) 1, BOOK OF GOLD (R Rows, 8-4 ton); 2, Change The Act (3) Osborne, 5-£; 3, Farry Knowe (K Mooney, 10-1). ALSO RAIK: 3 Lisaleen Prince, 14 Wessex Warrior, 16 Yeoman Parmer, 20 Almerzora (4th). Chleroscuro (f), My Key Silca, Troubadour Boy, 25 Spirit Ol Körris (8th), 33 Bowl Of Cett (5th), Middewick, Pembroke Bay, 50 Kobynar, 66 Hendid Lane, Ps-He-Heste, Silvarino, Sun King Speedy, Fallowfield Lase, Sun Follower (pd), 21 ran., NR: Bebook Boy, King Crado, yeoman Chickejer, 31, 12, 34, 11, 2, 3 Gifford at Findon. Tole: £3.50, 21.50, £2.60, DF: £3.60, CSF: £9.46.

28 (2m St 7540 hdie) 1, TYRONE

2.8 (20) DF ESON COT ESON 2.8 (20) SI 75/d http://distributes. Spring of Devise, 12-1; 3. Muse Toly (R Rows, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 100 Golden Son-ata (4th). 4 ran. 12, 8, dist. M Pipe at Watington, Tole: E1.30, DF: £2.50, CSF: £3.14.

2.30 (5m 5f 18yd cit) 1, GALLIC PRINCE (C. Maude, 10-1); 2, Hastworth (Mr. A. Watter, 5-2; 3, Bigman (R. Durnwoody, 10-11 ton), ALSO RANE 8 Canford Path (4th), 14 Midnight Count (5th), 100 Montgomery (f), 6 ran. Net, 154, 201, 12, P. Hobbs at Minshead, Totac E1, 10; 22.50, £7.90. DF: 217.00. CSP: £22.70.

3.0 (Sm 118yd ch) 1, CORRISCATE (R Rowe, 10-1); 2, Churcery Buck (J Frost, 5-1); 2, Height Of Pun (J Osborne, 6-4 fav). ALSO RAI: 7-2 Strain); Lover 1), 4 Garberstown (40n); 86 Sen Challenger (5th), 6 ran. 2%, 2, 13, dist. J Gifford of Findon, Toke. E3.40; 22.50, \$2.20. DF: \$16.20. CSF: \$50.06.

M Ptoe at Wellington, Tota: £3.00; £ £1.70, £3.20, DF; £3.50, CSF; £8.09. Jackpot: not won (pool of 22,294.20 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placapot: £174.50. Bangor Going: soft

12.45 (2m hdie) 1, Legal Streek (T Wall, 13-8 tov); 2, Flescle (5-2); 3, Pic Negre (9-1), 10 ran. 8i, 6i, 8 Mokelnon, Tote: 22 60; £1.10, £1.20, £3.60. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.83, Sold to J Pointon 7,500gns. 1.15 (2m 4/ ch) 1, Revenue Birthday (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, Fire At Will (5-1); 3, Cleaning Up (6-1), Zummerset 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Winabuck 25, 1 %1, Mrs S Oliver, Tote: 23.20; 21.60, 22.30, 21.70, OF: 23.20; (3F: 221.06, Tricest; 233.66.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, George Buckingham (B Power, 33-1); 2, Shadow Run (9-2); 3, Alan Bell (12-1), Wayside Boy 13-6 tav. 18 ran, 24, 51, G Ham. Tota: £39.70; 24.70, 22.40, 22.40, DF: £274.70, CSF: £171.79, 2.15 (2m ch) 1, Famous Led (J Shortt, 3-1); 2, Unext-Picinad (4-1); 3, Pura Money (1-6 tav), 5 ran, 5 nd, 5, Pl. Lea, Tota: £4.00; £1.90, £2.80, DF: £18.30, CSF: £13.27,

2.45 (3m ch) 1. Herbour Welk (C Lewellyn, 3-1; Michael Seety's nap); 2, Barkin (10-1); 3, Joes Baby (10-1), Cetic Original 85-40 fav. 16 ran. 201, 301. T Fortaur, Tota: 23.80; 23.10, 21.80, 62.30, DF: 219.80, CSF: 232.35 3-15 (27) 44 hdisy 1, language (N Doughty 3-1); 2, Daumou (9-4 fav); 3, Rubika (9-1 17 ran. 2%1, 77. G Richards, Yote: £5.7? 21.80, 21.30, 23.50. DF: 28.10. CSF 28.54.

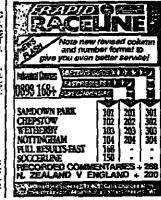
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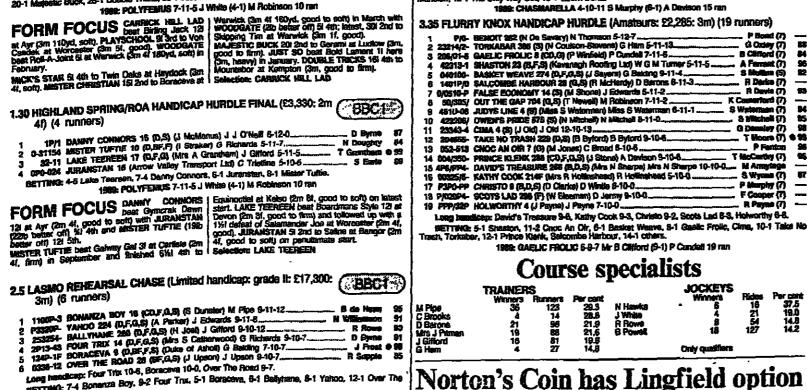
Going: standard 12.25 (1m 3f) 1. Achelous (Alex Greaves, 3-1 fav); 2, Colour Scheme (7-2); 3. Muthelpa (6-1). 11 ran. 7, 2; 7 Berron. Tols: 23.00; £1.60, £1.90, £3.10. Or: 25.00. CSP: £13.25. \$3.92.

1.25 (7) 1. Reloter (Emma O'Gomen, 6-1); 2. Jole de Soir (11-1); 3, Just John (14-1). Lidle Preston 7-2 lav. 18 ran. 3, 71. W O'Gommen, Tote: £9.50; £3.00, £3.90, £3.70. DF: £57.80. CSF: £72.42.

1.55 (7) 1. Hard Soil (Charnock, 16-1); 2, Majunar (7-2 lav); 3. Plaugent (8-1); 4, Kissavos (14-1), 16 ran. Nk, sh hd. Jimmy Fitzgerald, Totes £29.80; £5.70, £1.30. £2.50, £5.50. DF: £75.20. CSF: £79.82. Totast £481.55. 10cast £401.55.
2.25 (77) 1, Mysec Crystal (Emma O'Gorman, 11-4 favi, 2, Green's Seago (9-1); 3, Mick's Choce (8-1); 4, Daley Brioche (11-2), 16 ran, 34, 31, W O'Gorman, Tote: 23.50; £1.30, £4.10, £1.50, £1.20, DF: 220.10, CSF: £33.59, Tricast: £190.76. 2.55 (1m 3) 1, Indian Plane (G Carter, 10-1); 2, Unitied (15-2); 3, Andrew's First (5-1) fav), 10 ran. NR: Lynkimgem. 2%, 1%, M H Eastarby, 704; 21,10; 21,70; 22,20; 21,10. DF: \$29,80. CSF: \$82,85. 3.25 (1m 8) 1. Hidden (B Crossley, 25-1): 2. Chronological (11-4 lav); 3. Springs Welcome (12-1): 14 ran. 2; 3. H Thomson Jones. Tota: 228,10; 27.70, E.1.70, E.3.20. DF: £34.70, CSF: £98.05. Tricast: £359.13. epet: £56.00.

12.55 (1m) 1, Stack Rock (B Crossley, 20-1); 2, Gaesty (1-2 tav); 3, Wattling (16-1). 16 ran. ½l, 1L E Alston. Tota: £104.00; £11.50, £1.20, £2.70. DF: £23.50. CSF: £33.62.





**Course specialists JOCKEYS** TRAINERS NATIFICATION NATIF M Pipe C Brooks D Barons Mrs J Pitri J Gifford G Ham Only qualifiers 

Norton's Coin has Lingfield option

NORTON'S Coin, the Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, could reappear at Lingfield Park today week. Trainer Sirrell Griffiths has been unable to find a suitable opening because of the firm ground, but he has pencilled in a three-mile handicap chase at the Surrey course as an option for his nine-year-old.

The meeting will be Lingfield's first nurf National Hunt fixture since it unstalled its all-weather track. "I believe half the course has been dug up so it will be interesting to see what the ground is like," Griffiths said. "If the horse is well enough after that race then perhaps we'll go to Kempton for the King George."

3.90 (2m hdie) 1, HOPSCOTCH (J Lower, 2-1 ted; 2, Logical Lady (N Mark, 11-4); 3, Chatesument (L Harvey, 14-1); ALSO RAN: 7-2 Boot Amprilon (5th); 8 Scarlet Express (4th), 12 Equinor gou),

... \$ Wyrma (?)

THINGS to do in a smog. When the buses have stopped, the football is off, death is in the air and the avenues of escape are closing in, the best advice is to stay at home. London's burglars and cross-country runners had something in common on the first weekend of December 1952. They ignored the

Under cover of smoke-laden fog, the burglary business boomed. Meanwhile, sport was robbed of a Saturday; for the first time since it was opened in 1923. Wembley Stadium had to cancel a fixture. On Wimbledon Common, though, athletes who thought they were hardier than most were prepared to

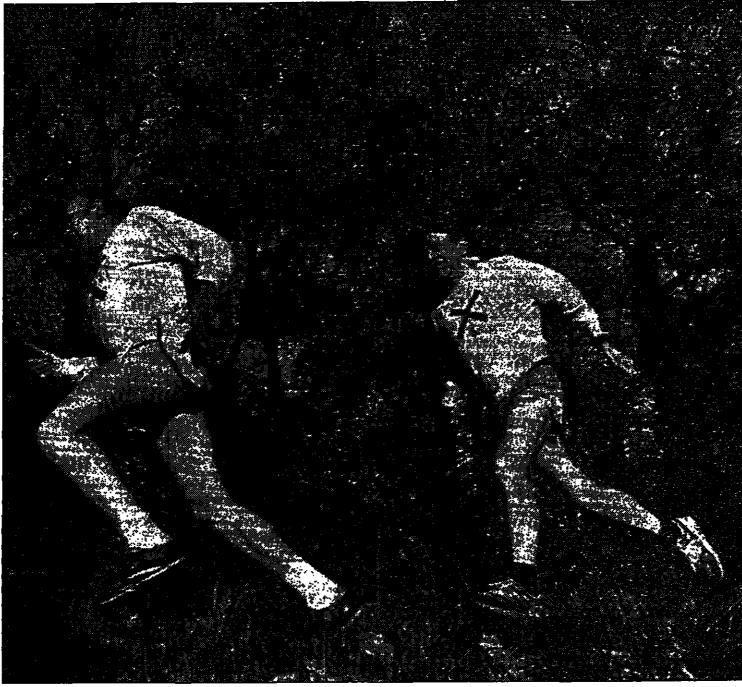
The University cross-country race went ahead. Christopher Chataway, a faller at the Olympics some months earlier, this time kept his footing for a third successive University win. Pioneers in white tracksuits ran in relay to lead the way; seven-and-a-half miles, men in singlets unaware of a world beyond the smog which claimed some 1,500 lives. "You could just about see your hand stretched out in front of you," Chris Brasher, now race director of the London Marathon, recalled.
Today, Chataway will be on

Wimbledon Common again, and so will Brasher. The hundredth University cross country, first run in 1880 and interrupted only by the war years, is to be marked by an old Blues race.

Chataway followed Bannister, a sequence made famous by the fourminute mile but one equally applicable to the University crosscountry roll of honour. Bannister won for Oxford in 1949; Chataway for Oxford, too, from 1950 to 1952. Oxford went ten years with only one defeat and are now 51-48 ahead. They expect to extend their

lead today.
Simon Mugglestone, having seen off one record this year, may now challenge two more. In May, he erased Bannister's historic 3min 59.4sec as an Iffley Road track record, 36 years after it was set. If he wins this time, he will equal Nick Brawn's record of four in succession. More than that. "He is expected to go for a course record," Chris Daniels, the Oxford captain, said. Mugglestone set the present record of 37min 07sec for the seven-and-a-half miles last winter.

Brasher's hackles stand on end at talk of records. "Load of rubbish." he said. "Cross country is cross country and there is no such thing as course records. It depends entirely on the going underfoot and the weather, besides. Wimbledon



Common cause: Brasher (left) and Chataway stretch out in preparation for the old Blues cross country race on Wimbledon Common today

Common changes all the time . . . trees blown down by gales and that sort of thing . . . it's not like the

With his typical influence, Brasher has had the water splash, gone since the 1950s, put back. "In my day, there was at least half a mile of plough before you entered the water, but the water splash came out. I don't know why. We've put it back in. The old Blues are insisting on it." More a trough than a splash. "Fifteen to 20 feet across and a foot to three feet deep," according to Brasher.

Today's Blues have been asked

to accept it for their race. "If the Oxford and Cambridge captains say they will not have the splash, and they are going to run over the bridge as before, then we cannot dictate, but we will do our best to persuade," John Elliott, president of Thames Hare and Hounds, organisers of the race and the world's oldest cross-country club,

Records may be irrelevant in Brasher's view but, in Elliott's, they have helped put an end to the raging argument of 1947. Oxford finished four in a line - T. P. E. Curry, J. F. Pollard, G. Ridding

and N. M. Green. Sandy Duncan and Harold Abrahams, two leading voices of the day, argued whether such contrivance was honourable. "Slacking-off just was not done in university cross-country running," Elliott said.

A dozen years have passed since the last tie. "There seems to have been more concentration on records," Elliott added. Mugglestone's time last winter improved by four seconds the record set by Richard Nerurkar, who became English champion three years earlier. Not until well into the 1900s did

cross country achieve full Blue, rather than half-Blue, status. A women's race has been held only since 1976. This year will see another change: there are to be trophies for the first time, spon-sored by Framlington and Thames Hare and Hounds.

Even one of the Cambridge camp said this week that Mugglestone would win. How poignant. When the first University cross country was run, it was A. F. Hernaman, of Keble College, who led the way. Mugglestone, too, is of Keble. And nothing, not even a smog, seems likely to stop him.

# Loutish behaviour forcing referees to give up football

CONFERENCE

crees not to live in "watertight boxes" but to fraternise with the

teams, as is commonplace in

rugby union. However, Don Rutherford, the technical discotor of the Rugby Football Union, said that sometimes players came off a pitch and then verbally abused the referee.

This is why we have extended

the regulations to the clubhouse and grounds." Both "Buzzer" Hadingham, a

former chairman of the All England club, and Roy Rogers, a

leading athletics official, also knew of some parents who had caused difficulties in their sports. Hadingham quoted one official as saying the reason that

he liked veterans' tournaments was because there were no parents watching the matches.

Our Land, appealed for the "right to roam" on much of privately-owned farming land. She said that with the political

she said that with the pointer interest in the environment at its height, this was a good moment to press for access to the countryside.

Her fellow speaker, Chris Bonington, chairman of the Reiting Mountaineering Country

British Mountaineering Council, called for a partnership

between the various interested parties because of the need to preserve the limited resources of

the countryside. Otherwise, he forecast, there would be conflict.

In a debate on the countryside and environment issues Marion Shoard, author of This Land Is

By JOHN GOODBODY

AT LEAST 4,500 football referees give up every season, with most of them citing the attitude of the players and general indiscipline as the main reason

for leaving the sport.

Several speakers on the last day of the annual conference of the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) at Bourne-mouth yesterday said that it was not just the players who were to blame. Much trouble was also caused by parents, who ques-tioned decisions and sometimes even assaulted officials.

Alan Robinson, an officer of the referees' association, said that the situation was getting serious, for there are only 26,500 referees and the number of clubs

is growing.

He said: "More people are wanting to play than ever before. There are now more than 80,000 clubs. You can see, that with 26,500 referees, the difficulties that we have in ensuring culties that we have in ensuring that all matches have proper

Robinson, who referred the 1986 FA Cup final and is a member of the Fifa panel, said one reason for the problems was the resentment of authority in society at large.
However, he was gratified to

However, he was grained to see that in a recent survey of referees only seven per cent gave inadequate money as their reason for giving up the sport.

Robinson added that there were 300 assults on referees survey executed the training of the control of the cont

were 300 assauns on referees every season but he praised the FA which had banned some players for life for serious at-tacks. "That has helped us," he

many foreign players in the World Cup but praised the behaviour of England, who re-ceived the Fair Play Trophy at the tournament.
Robinson urged football ref-

**SWIMMING** 

#### Fibbens is sick and not a little hurt

ENGLAND face a hard task at today's Four Nations Sprint contest, with last-minute withdrawals weakening the squad of 12 (Craig Lord writes). Mike Fibbens, Grant Robins and Samantha Purvis, all experienced internationals, will not compete because of illness, although Fibbens, of Barnet Copthall, admits that poor spirits after not being selected for next month's world championnext month s word champion-ships have played a part in his withdrawal from the sprint meeting, which will inaugurate the new Central Baths at Wolverhampton.

they can't afford to take me to Perth [Australia] in January; they can't afford to have me in Wolverhampton. I've not been too well this week and that's tipped the balance."

All but one of the England team competing today also missed selection for Perth by narrow margins but will be seeking to give themselves a boost by helping to secure a home victory over France, Ger-many and The Netherlands. E TO LAND

#### **GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES**

**FOOTBALL** 

Aston Villa v Sheffield Utr C Palace v Coventry . Everton v Mancheste Leeds Utd v Southampton. Manchester City v QPR .... Norwich v Wimbledon ...... Notte: Forest v Luton

Second division Bristol C v Charlton Millwall v Bristol R .... Oldham v Brighton.... Port Vale v Plymouth

Third division Bolton v Tranimere. Grimsby v Mansfield

Fourth division Burnley v Cardiff...

GM Vauxhall Conference Altrincham v Chelte Slough v Bath..... Stafford R v Colchester

B and Q Scottish League

Dundse v Ayr Utd... Falkirk v Civde .....

Second division Alloa v Montrose.

Itanisad v Edgware; Beartony v Stavenege; Clapton v Withent; Finchley v Saffron Walder; Henford v Kingsbury; Hornchurch v Basifator; Purfice v Coller Row; Royston v Rainhant; Tibury v Were; Tring v Vauchell Motors. Second delation souths Earstead v Harefeld; Cove v Southelt; Epsom and Ewell v Abington; Fethers v Egham; Rackwell v Abington; Chertsey; Meldenhead v Leatherhead; Malden Vale v Horster; Betherhead;

Geinsborough v Hyde; Leek Town v Buston; Madock v Southport; Mossley v South Liverpool. First division: Casmer-ton v Whitey Bay; Eastwood Town v

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier di-Alvechurch v Kings Lynn; Corpy v Granthen; Hednesford v Newport AFC; RC Warwick v Redditch; Spalding v Stourbridge; Tarmeorth v Bilston; Willenhall v Bridgnorth. Southern divisions. Andover v Winney; Buckingham v Yals; Burnham v Folicestone; Cardenbury v Trowbridge; Durstable v Erith and Belvedere; Fastings v Corletiber; Newport IOW v Baldock; Sudbury v Fareham. Schittels: CENTRAL LEAGUE: First discountered. veuere; Hastings v Coristinen; Newport IOW v Baldock; Sudbury v Fareham. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Manchaster i Influence Coriston. OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: lps-wich v Fulher (2.0); Luton v Oxford (2.0);

FINIOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ands v Omagit; Ballymana v Ballyclare; Bangor v Glentonar; Carrick v Lame; Citiostville v Glentovor; Distillery v Newry; Linfield v Coleraine; Portadown v Crusaders. LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Lloyds l Westminster Cits; Alexandr bury; Benk of England v Alley Old Latymerians v Cuaco. Bank v Cid Westmerser Las; Assumers Park v Langbury; Bank of England v Alleys. Old Boys; Old Latymeriens v Cueco. WESIGLY WYNNERS LEAGUSE Premier division: Arminorpe Weitere v Belper; North Ferriby v Harcogene RW; Ossett Abbon v North Shelot; Ponderact Cols v Ossett Town; Sutton v Metby MW; Thackley v Danaby; Winterton Rangers v

3.0 unless stated FOOTBALL

Brentford v Leyton Orient (11.30).... Huddersfield v Bradford (12.30)..... LEAGUE OF INELAND: Premier divisions (2.15): Cork City v Shelbourns; Gelvey United v Bohemians; St Patrick's Athletic v Waterford United; Shamrock Rovers v Limerick.

Arsenal v Liverpool (all ticket)

**RUGBY LEAGUE** REGAL TROPHY: First round: Barrow v
Feetherstone (3.30); Bractiond v WorkIngton: Bramley v Develops y (2.30); Fulham v Castleford (1.0); Huddensfeld v
Keighley (3.30); Leeds v Hull Kingston
Rovers (6.30); Leeds v Chorley (3.30);
Notilingham v Betley; Oldmam v Salford;
Swinton v St Helens; Trafford Borough v
Doncesser (3.30); Watefield v Hurslet
(2.30); Warrington v Runcom; Whitahaven
v Weign (3.30);

HOCKEY HOCKEY
POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL
LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v
Sourport (Ederbridge SC, 12.0); Carmock v
Welton (Four Crosses, 2.30); Indian
Gymklara v Southgate (Feltham School,
2.0); Isca v Havant (Onery St Mary, 2.30);
Sough v Nesson (Bisham Abbey, 1.0); S
Alberts v Old Loughtoniens (Clarence
Park, 2.0); Teddington v East Grinstead
(Broom Road, 2.30); Welegfield v Hours-low (Featherstone SC, 2.0). Second
divisions Brean v Lyons (Bristol University, 12.30); Cambridge Cay v Trojans
(Colshams Common, Cambridge, 2.15); NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES GREAT MILLS LEAGUE Presier di-

ABACUS LEAGUE: National chiefer ABACUS LEAGUE: Mational division: Aberystwyth v Ammentont; Afan Lido v Inter Carollif; Briton Ferry v Port Talbot. ARTHUMEIAM LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Repotonians v Lancing Old Boys; Old Wellingburians v Old Forestera. First division: Old Alderhams v Old Etiophysians; Old Ardinians v Old Etiophysians; Old Cholmeletans v Old Herrovians.

RUGBY UNION **ADT Divisional Championship** London v North (at Stoop Memorial

**ADT County Championship** First division

Second division: Notta, Lincs and Derbys v Northumberland (at Newark, 2.15): Staffordshire v Cumbrie (at Burton on Trent, 2.30). Third division: East Midlands v Durham (at Kattering, 2.30); Leicestershire v Cheshire (at Syston, 2.30).

South

Hertfordshire v Comwail (at OMT, Secona d'Ivalor; Hampsni'r V Gloucesterahire (at Besingstobe, 2.30; Kent v Devon (at Asteurs, 2.30). Third divisios: Somerest v East Courties (at Taunton, 2.30; Surrey v Dorset and Willbrine (at London Irish, 2.15). Fourth division: Sussex v Buckinghamshire (at Worthing, 2.15).

TOMORROW

Cartierbury v Brusdourne (Polo Farm, 2.0); Doncaster v Harborne (Grove SC Newark, 2.0); Gora Port v Richmond (Holly Bush Lane, Sevencela, 2.30); Reading v Guldtord (Soming Lane, Reading, 12.30); Warrington v Bournville (Albert Park, Salford 1.30) Salend, 1-30).

MATWEST WOMER'S COUNTY TROPHY (at Bournemouth Sports Club, Christ-church; Semi-finals (9-30), fith and shift place play-off (11.0); Finel (2-30).

**BASKETBALL** 

ICE HOCKEY HERNEIGN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Promise division: Ginveland v Cardiff (5.15); Durliam v Ayr (5.30); Murrayfield v Whitey (5.30); Solituli v Notingnam (7.9). Pirat division: Humberside v Bracknell (5.15); Leo Valley v Swindon (5.30); Medway v Giasgow (5.15); Romiord v Teitord (5.15); Trafford v Slouph (5.30). English Languer Blackburn v Chelmstord (Deeside, 6.30); Richmond v Mitton Keynes (5.30); Shelfield v Oxford City (6.15).

BADMINTON ROYAL BANK RETER-COURTY CHAMP-IONSHIP: Mortic First division: Derby-strate v Lincusture (12.0), Second division: Notinghamship v Yorishire 8 (1.30). South: First division: Surrey v Essex (2.0). Second division: Kent v Middlesox (12.30); Sussex v Hertlandshire (1.0).

OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Welsh Open (Cardiff). SNOOKER: StormSeel UK championship (Guild Hall, Preston). TUG-OF-WAR: National indoor champion-ships (Wakefield LC).

North and Midlands v Edinburgh (at

Irish Provincial Championship 2.30) Lilster v Leinster (at Ravenhill, 2.30) Club matches

Bedford v Wasps ...... Bridgend v Ebbw Vale ... Coventry v Wanderers. Fvide v Hawick (2.30).

Weish v Oxford Univ (2.15). Morley v Liverpool St H (2.15)... Nesth v Masstag...... Newcastle v Tynedale (2.30). Northampton v Llanelli.......

Nottingham v Richmond Nuneaton v Pontypool (2: Rosslyn Pk v Tbriisi (11.0) Rossiyn PK V Tollisi (17.0).. Roundhay v Kendal (2.30) .

Waterioo v W Hartlepool (2.15) .......
SCOTLAND: Under-21 District Champlenship: South v Anglo Scots (Selidric, Under-18 District Champlenship: Edinburgh v North and Milderds (Linkingov); Glasgow v South (Hughenden). Club attaches: Boroughtouir v Glasgow High-Kelvinskie; Clarkston v Hillihead-Jordannist Currie v Dundee HSPP, Datzial HSPP v Langholm; Dunbar v Edinburgh University: Edinburgh Wanderers v Perhalirs; Heritot's FP v Edinburgh Academicals; Highland v Gerdonians; Hutchesone (Aloysians v Ayr; Kilmannock v Selidric, Kiricasid) v Portobello FP, Leith Academicals v Tringy Academicals; Linlihgow v Howe of File; Melrose v Dunfarmitine; Musselburgh v Kelso: Preston Lodge FP v Striling County; Stewart's Melvilla FP v Bellymens; Watsonians v Royal High; West of Scotland v Glasgow Academicals.

Melville TP v Betlymena: Watsonians v Royal High; West of Scotland v Glasgow Academicals.

SOUTH WEST: Beas Conswall Cup: Third round: Strainns v Veor; Newquay Hornets v Bude, Corawall Plette: First round: St Austell v Roselerd, Countage Comwell League; Pourth division; Camborne SOM v Lankelly-Fowly, Club matiches: Anelans v St Brenden's; Avonmouth v Midoomer Norton; BAC v Kingswood; Bath CS v Chedder; Berry Hill Utd v St Bernden's; Avonmouth v Midoomer Norton; BAC v Kingswood; Bath CS v Chedder; Brist Hill Utd v St Bernden's; Briston V St Withhala; Bodmin St Lawrence v Prymouth YMCA; Bridgester v Reading; Bristo Quins v Bristol Reins Quins v Briston Hill; Brisham v Devon and Comwell Police; Broad Plain v Blegar Park: Dings Crussden's Bristol A; Esser v Cheltenham; Hayle v St Agnes; Keynsham v Chelsenham North; Kingsbridge v Sathash; Launceston v St Nes; Longlevens v Frampton Cot; Minely v Clid Ashtonians; Morganians v Westsinaks; Newquay Hornets v Felmouth; North Bristol v Old Culvernsyslans; Old Tocksoniens v Citton Wanderers; Old Elizabethers v Gordanc; Old Reddelfians v Combe Down; Old Sullars v Clerc, Old Techniciane v Stodmin; Peinswick v Chipping Sodbury; Redruth v Truro; Redruch dis Old Boyt v Stitiane; St Austell v Perzance Newlyn; Si Mary's Old Boyt v Oldfald; SW Gas v Old Reddelfians & Tournen League; Weston Super Mare v Gordon League;

NORTH: Chub metches: Acidem v Old Bolton v Burnage; Bowdon v Chorley;
Brastford University v Old Rishworthlens;
Broughton v Didsbury Toc H; Bury v
Thomson Cleveleys; Buston v Boots;
Caldy v Bangor; Carfele v Ryton;
Cassistord v Brantley; Cleckheston v
Moortown; Cleckheston v Reid v Old Hyr

Hessie v Homsee; Horden v Scarborough; Huddersfield YMGA v Matton and Norton; Hull and ER v Withensee; Blaston v East Rettord; Bldey v Keighley; Kirkby Lonsdale v Ormstark; Leeds CSSA v Pontetract XV;

Wasps v Whitby, Moore v Port Sur Mortey v Liverpool St Helens; New Bostorth v Tynedals; Newton-le-Wilk Morfey v Liverpool St Helene; Newcastle Gostorth v Tynedale; Newton-le-Williams v De la Salle Old Boys (Salford); Novocastrians v Redcar; Old Brodielens v Northwich; Old Crossleyans v Huddenseld; Oldisen v Chester; Old Instoniens v St Edwards Old Boys; Old Partoniens v St Edwards Old Boys; Old Partoniens v Tyldesley; Old Salfans v Old Aldwinlans; Ossett v Metby Old Boys; Oldy v Jediorest; Preston Grassinopers v Gets; Rotherham v Daverport; Roundheglans v Almvic; Sale v Pontypridd; Sandale Saracens v Dinnington; Sandbach v Sale XV; Scutthorpe v Grimsby; Selby v Broughten Park XV; Sheffield Medics v Liverpool Medics; Sheffield Medics v Liverpool Medics; Sheffield Medics v Liverpool Medics; Sheffield Oles v Oley Saracens; Sighton v Bradford Salert; Slocksoridge v Leeds YMCA; Sackton v Darington; Thomensians v West Park Brantope; Vale of Lune v Durham City; Victors v North Ribblesdale; Walwindle v Bradford and Bingley; Walksey v Lucae; Waterloo v West Hartlepoot; West Leeds v Wett; West Park (St Helens) v Rochdale; Wheeling XV; Vorkstire Malo v Hussnelens.

Clerton-Bevercoates; Ashbourne v Key-worth; Aylessone Amissic v Bedgrave; Aylessone St. James v Stamford; Bedsevell Mannerisms v Betper; Bedford Athletic v Northempton BB Old Boys Bedworth v Coslville; Berkswell and Balsalt v Coverty Post Office; Bleesster v Dunesablisms; Bigdleswade v Old Elzabethlams; Birchfeld v Birmingham Chit Service; Bolsolver v Getaborough; Bourne v Braunstone Town; Bournellie v Birmingham University; Brackley v Klöworth; Blotton v Boots Town: Bourrville v Birmingham University; Bracidey v Kibworth; Buston v Bloots Afriesic: Birmingham Welsh v Dunlop; Cambridge v St Neots; Camp Hill v Old Yardieleris: Chesterfield v Southwel; Chipping Norton v Warwick; Cinderford v Ludiaw; Caethorpes v Skegness; Corby v Loughborough; Coverby Welsh v Atherstons; Deventry V Wellingborough; Derby v Stafford; Doncassar v Moderne; Earledon v West Lelcester; Eaher v Birmingham-Solfhul; Glossop v Astronunder-Lyng; Harbury v Aylestonians; Hope Valley v Bingham; Bleeston v East Retlord; Kenilworth v Bromegrove; Kettering v Northamptom Wenderun; Lossington v Stratford-Upon-Avon; Leak v Ashton-on-Mersey; Leestrook Asterdate v Utgester; Letzbroth v Brothops III.

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CANADIAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 14.00-16.00: The Grey Cup.
CRECKET: Sky One 23.30 (Friday night)-07.45 and 23.00-midnight: World Series: England v New Zesland, BSC2 17.25-18.15: World Series: England v New Zesland, BSB 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30 (transported Sessional content.)

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GRANDSTAND: BBC1 12.15-17.05:
Snooker: StormSeel UK championship
from Preston; Rugby Leegue; Regal
Trophy: Widnes v Hull; Rallying: RAC
Raft; Cristet: World Series Cup: England
v New Zealand; Racing: 1.0, 1.30, 2.05
and 2.35 from Chapstow.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 08.90-07.30, 17.00-18.00, 19.30-27.30 and 23.00-23.30: Drageler racing, F8000 re-view, Formula 3 and the German touring car championships. BSB 15.30-16.00 and 18.30-19.30.

AMERICAN SPORT: 258 16.00-17.00.

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v Peterborugh; Worksop v Long Eaton.

REELAND; Utster: Senior clab: Artis v
Greystones (12.0); Armagh v Althone
(2.30); Dunganon v Coleraine (2.30);
Collegans v Old Westey (12.0); NIFC v
Larradowne (11.30); Malaine v University
College Dublin (12.0); Cueens University
DLSF (12.0); Instantans v Old Belvedere
(12.0); Lainstan: Senior clab: (2.30);
Clontar? v Dolphin; Monsktown v
Ballinasion. Missater: Senior clab: Sunday's Well v Skarries (2.30); Stunnon v
Connthiars (12.0); Gerryowen v Dublin
University (12.0); Bohemlans v Correttistion (12.0); Old Crescent v Highfield (12.0). RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: First round: Widnes v Hull (2.15).

POUNDSTRETCHER HATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division: Probrands v Taumon Vale (Bristol University, 12.0). NATWEST WOMEN'S COUNTY TROPHY: Finaliz: (at Bournemouth Sports Cub, Christichurch): Stationdshire v Lancashire (9.30): Devon v Berkshire (11.0); Lan-cashire v Suffolk (1.0); Berkshire v Yorkshire v Suffolk v Stationdshire (4.0); Yorkshire v Devon (5.30).

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Wisbech; Bury St Edmunds v Westelft; Cambridge Nomeds v Peterborough; Colchester v Hasteston Maggies; Ford v Bedford; Ipswich v Crostys; Norwich City v Bluetarts; Pelicans v Chelmsford.
ENNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Barford Tigars v Coventry and Moth Winaushphire; Resetten 4 december delelion: Bartord Tigars v Coventry and North Wanutcishire; Beeston v Lelcester Westleigh; Belper v Blossvich; Olton and West Warvickshire v Ridderninster.

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AW YARRS MORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bowdon v Alderley Edge; Durham University v Ben Flhydding; Hightown-Northern v Prestor; Liverpool Sefton v Forstby; Norton v Brooklands; Hightown-Northern v Prestor; Liverpool Selton v Formby; Norton v Brooklands; Plamgernia v Tynemouth; Sheffield v Stockon; Timperiey v Disley. TIPP-EX YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Presider

HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH WEST LEAGUE: Prenier division: Cheoftem Hill v Sele; Knutsford v Oxton; Macclesfield v Desside Randlers; Manchester v Ches-Deside Ramblers; Manchester v Chester, Manchester v Chester; Manchester v Migari, Springfields v Southport; West Derby v Prescot.

MORTH EAST: Club matches. Marton Furness v Billingham; Morpeth v Middlesbrough; Redour v Sunderland; St. George; Redour v Sunderland; St. George; v Newcaste University; South Shields v Swalwelt; Whitehaven v Darlington. BASKETBALL

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HEMEICEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier
division: Cardiff v Nottingham (6.30); Fife
v Durham (7.15); Peterborough v Ayr
(8.30); Whitley v Cieveland (8.30); Finst
division: Bealingstoke v Rombori (8.0);
Slough v Glasgow (5.45); Swindori v
Trafford (5.0); Tellord v Humberside
(7.30); English Lasgue: Harlingsy v Blackburt (6.0); Wilton Keynes v Shefisled (6.0);
Sunderland v Oxford City (6.30).

LACROSSE BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First di-vision: Cheadle v Sheffield Steelers; Maior v Sate; Old Stopfordians v Old Waconians; Sheffield University v Heaton Mersey; Timperley v Old Hutmelens. OTHER SPORT

**BADBIBITON: Welsh Open (Cardiff)** (Quito Han, Pressur, 1,0 and 1,0,0 WEIGHTLIFTING: British Persphegi Sports Society: Home international championship (Kings Hall, Stoke, 1.0).

#### SPORT ON TV

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RACING: C4 12.5-14.50: 12.55, 1.25, 2.0 and 2.30 from Sandown Park, BSB 19.30-14.00 23.30-midnight meding news.

RESULTS SERVICE: ITV 16.45-17.00.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 07.30-09.00 and 21.30-22.30: French league,

SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV 12.30-13.00.

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Eurosport Sundsy): Four-main event from
Yugoslavia.
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CYCLING: Screensport 21.15-21.45:
Track event from Munich.
EUROSPORT SUNDAY: Eurosport 10.00-Track event from Munich. EUROSPORT SURDAY: Eurosport 10.00-18.00: Siding: Women's and men's giant slaton from Italy; Bobaleigh: Four-man event from Yugoslavia; Tenia: Sellic tournament from Japan. POOTBALL SISE 10.00-11.00 23.00-mid-night: Scottish and leegue, 13.45-15.30;

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BASKETBALL **Squad of** friends

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By Nicholas Harling and two from Manchester line up in the England team against pions, at the Albert Hall tonight. Tomorrow, on the same court, they will be on opposing sides in

the NatWest Trophy final. By Monday morning, Alton Byod Martin Clark and Martin Henlan, of Kingston, and Mike Obaseki and Carl Miller, of Manchester, will be reunited in the England squad as it prepares for the final European championship Group C fixture again West Germany at Aston Villa. Obaseki did themselves justice in England's 96-79 defeat by Spain in Murcia on Wednesday. The two club sides and the improved displays from Henlan ten points between them de-

Although without their four American-based players - the seven-foot centres, Vankovic and Divac, and Babic and be far too compromising for experienced England squad. The story may be the same as far as Manchester are concerned

spite large periods of court time

tomorrow.

With still vivid memories of last season's 86-77 defeat by Kingston in the final, Jeff Jones. the Manchester coach, said:
"We were underdogs last year and nothing much has changed.
"We must play as hard as we physically can and try not to permit as many mistakes as we normally do. We have got a chance if we play a near-perfect Let's hope it is on Sunday."

Warden Owen in semi-finals

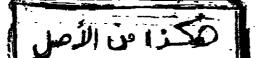
AUCKLAND - Eddie Warden Owen's British crew qualified for the semi-finals of the world match-racing championship here yesterday (Bob Ross writes). They won the closest match of the last day of roundrobin eliminators over Makoto

Although Namba had to make a penalty turn for a port and starboard crossing incident in the pre-start manocuvres, he was only ten seconds behind at the finish.

Warden Owen meets Rod Davis, of New Zealand, in their best-of-three race semi-final todav.

COLLS.

RESULTS: Eighth period: R Coults (PZ) bt
C Dickson (NZ): R Devic (NZ) bt T
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## **Brent set** to escape financial disaster

By OUR CITY STAFF

BRENT Walker Group, the embattled leisure combine, and George Walker, its chairman and founder, were last night set for yet another Houdini-like escape from the corporate disaster that has stalked it for months.

As the midnight deadline for finding the missing £20 million to fund its £103 million convertible bond issue drew near, sources close to the group were confident the money would be found.

The market took the same view and in mid-afternoon. when about half the missing money had been raised, the shares staged an 18p raily to 95p before falling back to 88p, an 11p gain. The latest prob-lem in Brent Walker's longdrawn-out financial rescue started this week when two placees under the issue. thought to be the Tunis International Bank and Cîtimet, a Bahamas investment trust, failed to deliver £20 million they owed under the issue.

Anxious meetings took place yesterday at Brent Walker's head office. Had £16 million of the £20 million not materialised last night the company, which has debts of £1.4 billion, would again have been in default of its banking agreements.

Bankers were not thought to be seriously considering putting it into administrative receivership, but it is likely that banks and institutional shareholders will call for Mr Walker to separate his roles, by stepping down in favour of a new chief executive.

#### THE POUND

**US** dollar 1.9425 (-0.0150) German mark 2.9102 (-0.0085) Exchange index 94.0 (-0.5)

#### STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1682.8 (+8.0) FT-SE 100 2149.4 (+13.8) **New York Dow Jones** 2538.12 (+19.31)\* Tokyo Nikkei Avge 22454.63 (-257.95)

### INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14% 3-month Interbank 13<sup>18</sup>2-13%% 3-month eligible bills:12<sup>16</sup>16-12%% US: Prime Rate 10% Federal Funds 7%%\*

### CURRENCIES

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GOLD

London Fixing: AM \$384.80 pm-\$384.85 class \$384.50-385.00 (£198.50-199.00 ) New York: Cornex \$383.35-383.85\*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan ) ...... \$29.70 bbl (\$32.45)
\* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

Retail Price Index: 130.3 (October)

NEVER before in the history of trade have so many spent so long achieving so little. After four years of arduous talks, the world has one week left to build the most ambitious free trade regime ever conceived. Most now think the talks will collapse, sparking a trade war that could send the world into recession.

The urgency has never been greater. The invasion of Kuwait has brought the threat of war, stunting economic growth with soaring oil prices. Eastern Europe and the third world desperately need better access to the richest markets in order to soothe the pain of debt and economic mismanagement.

America, Europe and Japan see the merits of shedding protectionism, but none dares to take the plunge first. Their biggest chance of doing so together could be about to melt away. Four years of trade liberalising negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) enter their final stages in Brussels

After much chivvying from America, a group of farm exporting nations, including Australia, Canada and Argentina, have threat-

ened to walk out by Wednesday unless the European Community promises to cut deeper into its cherished agriculture subsidies. Up to 25,000 farmers from all over the world. "invited" by France, will attend to ensure the community makes no such concession.

The round can succeed only if the farm deadlock is broken, but chances are slim. Europe is offering 30 per cent cuts in agricultural support over ten years. America wants the world to siash farm support by three quarters, and export subsidies by 90 per cent. Brussels fears this could drive many of the community's 10 million farmers off the land before it has time to cushion them under its long-awaited reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP). Germany and France refuse to make deeper farm cuts, even if Chancellor Helmut Kohl wins the German elections tomorrow.

The community is bitterly divided. Frans Andriessen, its foreign affairs commissioner. wants a trade-off with Washington over services. America is blocking this crucial sector, partly to pressurise Brussels over agriculture. This may prove instrumental in

breaking the deadlock. A quarter of the community's export business comes from services while just 8 per cent comes from farming. But Washington threw a late spanner in the works by retaining its right to give some trading partners better access to its banking, telecommunications and air transport markets than others. World trade in services is

currently worth about £357 billion a year. Developing countries are loath to cut import tariffs and root out copyright piracy unless they win far greater market access.

Europe and America are pitted against the Far East. They fear the Gatt may soften their ability to fend off predatory pricing on their markets by Japan, Hong Kong and South Korea. This might be resolved.

But talks on regulating terms of investment, including local content rules, are nearly at a standstill. The signatories to the Gatt cannot even agree on whether it is the right forum for such regulation.

A deal may well be stitched up on textiles, one of the key sectors of the Gatt. Europe and America appear willing to dismantle the multi-fibre arrangement, which entails import

Gatt talks teeter on brink of collapse as time runs out quotas to protect textiles industries.

Much, but by no means all, of the doorn prophecy is theatrical. The threat, at least of partial failure, is very real. Clayton Yeutter. the American farm secretary, is deeply pessimistic, and Arthur Dunkel, the Gatt secretary-general and greatest optimist of them all, believes the deadlock will be broken only if politicians grasp "what is at stake".

The best on offer would be a "framework agreement". Failing that, the talks could be extended no later than February, giving the US Congress time to push through the Gatt legislation on its "fast track", an agreement that cuts down the time spent but expires on March 1. However, most believe that if the political will cannot be found next week, it will never be found at all.

Sir Brian Corby, president of the Confedcration of British Industry, said failure to reach agreement at the Gatt talks next week would strengthen protectionism. "Ministers must not let us down." The globalisation of markets, economic interdependence and growth is the best guarantees against protectionism and unilateralism, he said.

# Oil price drops as Bush spells out Gulf options

From Philip Robinson in New York and Colin Narbrough in London

per cent on the prospect of an early solution to the Gulf confrontation.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 50 points at one stage and oil fell almost \$4 a barrel after requick war to repel Iraqi forces the economy." from Kuwait. Robert Barbera, chief econ-

Hutton, the New York broker, by early afternoon and the said: "If you take both sides of Dow rallied to 2,545.11,

SHARES climbed sharply what Bush said in his stateon Wall Street, while the ment, then there is no reason oil price fell more than 10 for the oil price to go on moving higher.

"Either there will be peace, or a rapid and brutal war, and once that is over, the focus will resume on the American re-

putting on a 5 per cent gain

Edward Yardeni, economist with Prudential Bache, the broker, said: "I think oil could be down to \$20 a barrel by March.'

The price of West Texas Crude for delivery in January dropped \$3.81 at one point yesterday to \$29.10.
In early afternoon trading,

the pound was at \$1.9425, compared with Thursday's close at \$1.9435. In London, the pound ended 1.5 cents down at \$1,9425, and shed more than three-quarters of a pfennig to DM2.9102. The Bank of England fired a

shot across the bows of the money markets, signalling that it wants the base rate held at 14 per cent, despite pressure for an early cut.

The warning, delivered through the Bank's market operations yesterday, was the second in a week and was read in the City as an indication that Norman Lamont, the new Chancellor, wishes to estab-lish market credibility as a firm hand at the monetary tiller rather than as a Chancellor who can be frightened into interest rate cuts by deepening recession.

The Bank issued its latest Northern, which offers the lending the market £1.4 billion at 14 per cent for a fortnight, reducing the bulk of the liquidity shortage

Keith Skeoch, chief economist at James Capel, said the action appeared to be a signal that the Bank was content with the present interest rate structure

Mr Skeoch and other City economists still believe international market conditions give Mr Lamont a window of opportunity for a half-point pase rate cut soon. Meanwhile, Karl-Otto Pobl.

the Bundesbank president, speaking in Stockholm yesterday, said he agreed with Margaret Thatcher, Britain's former prime minister, that European monetary union would erode national sovereignty. "Mrs Thatcher was absolutely right. As a matter of fact it means a loss of

Herr Pohl said German reunification showed that merging two unequal economies with the instant imposition of a single currency, caused the weaker partner to lose competitiveness, suffer bankruptcies and unemployment.





Kitty Little, the fragrant gifts company, has lifted interim pre-tax profits by 41 per cent to £75,000 (£53,000) to end-July. But, because of the high street downturn, "the outturn for the year must remain uncertain", said Graham Webster, the chairman. An interim dividend of 0.25p (0.575p) will be paid.

## £576,000 loss at half

By MARTIN BARROW

EUROPA Minerals, whose joint managing director, Alastair Holberton, resigned in July after just seven months, has reported interim pre-tax losses of £576,000 (£1.14 million profit) to end-July.

The mining finance house which has consolidated the results of TR Energy into last year's figures, blamed dis-appointing profit margins in its coal activities in the UK and Australia. Losses per share were 0.9p

(2.8p earnings). Again there is no interim dividend. Future activities will focus on mining and processing of metallif erous and industrial minerals. Steps had been taken to coal mines. In Australia, efforts were concentrated on DM500 million. ton Coal, in which Europa has

a 50 per cent stake, after

reduced demand from its

main customer. In January, Europa acquired a 41.8 per cent holding conglomerate. in Burmine, a listed Australian gold mining company,

## Europa's BAT holds talks over Horten sale to WestLB

BAT Industries is in talks with stadt and Hertie, both in a German bank over the sale of its troubled Horten department store, it was announced

yesterday. Girozentrale (WestLB) has entered negotiations with BAT to take over BAT's majority stake of 51 per cent in the costs. company, which operates 39

department stores throughout Germany. yet been released, but according to earlier German newsreduce operating costs at UK paper reports, Horten could realise a sale price of about

> The disposal of Horten and financial services retail group.

lion) for the year to end-June. | market leaders, Kaushof, Kar- country.

image and profitability. Last year, the company

managed a net profit of only DMI5 million on a turnover Westdeutsche Landesbank of about DM3 billion. This year, Horten only said it expected to make a profit, despite heavy restructuring If a deal with WestLB is ag-

reed, criticisms will undoubtedly arise once again over the Financial details have not corporate involvement of German banks.

In line with most of its competitors, WestLB has large industrial interests, including Preussag, the metal company, and LTU, the charter airline. would complete the re-Perhaps more significantly, structuring of BAT into a the company also holds a 10 more closely focused tobacco per cent stake in Asko, the

Those concerns are particu-Horten is one of the less suc- larly sensitive since WestLB is cessful German department 43 per cent owned by the fedwhich reported profits of store companies, and has tra- eral state of Northrhine-West-Aus\$2.7 million (£1.08 mil- ditionally lagged behind the phalia, the largest in the

## Cost of disasters pushes up insurance premiums By Jonathan Prynn

SUN Alliance, Britain's largest household insurer, has announced a 10 per cent rise in its basic building premium

This follows huge losses caused by this year's wind storms and hot summer. The increase is the company's first since June 1988.

The move, which follows a similar mark-up from Royal Insurance, was triggered by a 475 per cent increase in the cost of the company's reinsurance programme at Lloyd's. Other insurance compar are facing rates up to 600 per cent higher for their reinsurance programmes.

The rises are being seen in the market as the first signs of the long-awaited up-turn in the insurance cycle. There have been three years of catastrophe-related losses, excess capacity and tumbling premium rates. The rises in insurance pre(:::

miums were made inevitable by the wave of withdrawals and collapses of Lloyd's syndicates that were involved in the LMX (London excess of loss) market, where reinsurers pass on the bulk of their catastrophe exposure to other syndicates. Those syndicates writing

LMX business suffered heavy losses this year as a result of the January and February

These were the latest in a virtually unbroken succession of catastrophes that date back to Hurricane Elicia in 1983.

The size of these losses has meant that the primary reinsurers of the insurance companies have been unable to distribute their exposure to the rest of the Lloyd's market, and as a result have been quoting dramatically higher

Sun Alhance, which had been looking to reinsure its household exposure for catastrophe-related claims between £120 million and £260 million, has been quoted £19 million, compared with £4 million last year.

This year Sun Alliance has received 500,000 claims for wind-storm damage alone, at a total cost of £250 million. It has catastrophe reinsurance cover for only £110 million of Legal & General is facing a

more than 400 per cent markup for the reinsurance of its exposure, which stands at between £25 million and £150

It paid £4.8 million last year and expects to pay about £20 million this year.

Royal Insurance is reinsuring for claims between £35 million and £250 million, and will have to pay £35 million, compared with £5.6 million last year.

The increased rates have not been finalised, but the unprecedented scale of the hikes means that the reinsurance programmes are almost certain to be successfully placed before the January 1

The increases are being mirrored on a smaller scale in other Lloyd's markets, with the exception of aviation. where the best that can be said is that rates have bottomed

Many market participants have welcomed the effective disappearance of the LMX market, arguing that it forces underwriters to assess fully the risks they are taking on their books, rather than shuffling them around the market through reinsurance.

The present uncertainty about the scale of the losses and the sharply higher premiums being quoted has resuited in "nervousness and panic on a scale I have never seen before", according to one senior underwriter commenting on the policy renewal season, which is now in full swing and, like Christmas on the high streets, has come late this year.

# Barclays faces writedown on Imry loans

By OUR CITY STAFF

BARCLAYS Bank faces a potential writedown on lending to Imry, the property group. The bank arranged a £200 million acquisition loan last year to help fund a £314 million leveraged takeover of Imry, which was taken private in a deal engineered by Stephan Wingate, a property entrepreneur.

Imry, which was taken over just before the property collapse began, is undergoing an urgent refinancing and Barclays refuses to comment on its

Eagle Star, whose ailing property portfolio contributed to the recent

Industries, is also heavily exposed via its 25 per cent shareholding in the ouyout vehicle.

Other shareholders include Prudential-Bache and Development and Realisations Trust, run by Mr But DRT cut its 50 per cent holding

property investor. Barclays' loan had been scheduled to be repaid in August, partly out of property sales. But the bank rolled over the loan, the status of which is involved in the talks between Mr

collapse in profits at its parent, BAT Wingate, Barclays and Eagle Star. Industries, is also heavily exposed via Imry's shareholders have decided to equity structure.

Imry was taken over at 650p a share, considerably above its not asset value. At the time, the company was relatively un-geared, but the £200 million acquisition loan piled 2 further level of debt on the £100 million borrowings in place.

"Our original policy was to sell investment properties, but now we have decided not to do that we have to reorganise," said Mr Wingate. He refused to give details of the refinanc-

ing beyond saying: "Some people have a lot of money." Chris Jones, Eagle Star's repre-

sentative on the limry board, hinted that new equity may be forthcoming to help reduce Barclays' loan

apparently proposing to trim debt by putting in more equity capital. Asked how imry could raise cash to help pay off Barclays' loan, Mr Jones said: "We're a private company and

details of the restructuring are none of your business But he admitted: "Barclays are still likely to be in the picture at the end of

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cession. Either way there will be no longer upward pressure on oil prices and its threat to marks by President Bush that inflation, allowing interest it was either peace talks or a rates can come down to help American government bonds had hit their highest omist with Shearson Lehman levels for almost ten months

## Power sale demand beats water float By MARTIN WALLER

APPLICATIONS for shares in less sure they can top the 4.5 the 12 electricity distributors million who applied for Britin England and Wales are ish Gas, the most popular running at about twice the rate privatisation to date.

processed, against well below 100,000 at the same stage in the water float. There had last top of the range, night also been about another dealing service being run by Capel-Cure Myers for ac-

of how much each potential shareholder is investing, or electricity sale say they are confident of beating the 2.7 million total of applications for water shares, but they are

of the water flotation a year The unofficial "grey marago, according to the first ket" run by IG Index inreturns from the banks count- dicated premiums of 28 to 35 By Thursday evening, shares when trading starts on ,000 applications had been December 11, with shares in signal early in the afternoon,

highest yield of the 12, at the 100,000 applications to buy have fallen back by perhaps 1p the shares through the free during the second half of this count-holders in the Leeds issue. The application forms and Skipton building are due in by 10am on

There is as yet no indication whether this figure is ahead of branch of Lloyds, Barclays, the water float, Advisers to the NatWest, Bank of Scotland. Royal Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank by 3.30pm on

per cent on the part-paid

Shares on the "grey market" week, but indications are still of healthy premiums in the Wednesday at 21 special receiving centres around Britain, or they can be delivered by hand to any UK

Tuesday. Family money, page 48

"In the most extreme case

## Skoda strike threat over Renault offer

Germany's Volkswagen. About 1,100 workers at the Mlada Boleslav works made the threat to show support for Volkswagen's DM8 billion scheme. "The company trade union does not agree with the strike," Zdenek Kadlec, the works union head, said. "We do not think the time is ripe for us to force decisions in this way. But we have democracy now so they can do it."

The workers who have voted to strike, in the welding shops and research and dev-Volkswagen's investment

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#### offer is more "socially ori-WORKERS at Czechoslovakented" than the one of Fr13 billion made by Renault and ia's Skoda works have threatened to strike if the company Volvo, its Swedish partner, a goes into partnership with union shop steward told the Renault of France rather than daily newspaper Mlada Fronta Dnes.

we will go on strike, both against the company and the government," the newspaper quoted Lubos Chadalik, the leader of the welders, as

elopment department, represent less than 10 per cent of the 15,000-strong Mlada Boleslav workforce. Skoda's management is studying the rival offers. A final decision, which formally has to be made by the Czech

regional government, is expected in the next few weeks.

to 25 per cent, shortly after the buyout, by selling half its stake to Wolfgang Stolzenberg, a Canadian hold on to properties rather than risk fire sales, but this has increased the need for a major refit of its debt and

But neither the insurer nor DRT is

# Profits at Asprey dip to £11.9m

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PROFITS at Asprey, the Bond Street jeweller that owns Mappin & Webb and Garrard, fell from £123 million to £11.91 million pre-tax in the six months to end-September.

But Asprey denies that its customers are feeling the pinch. Nick Harrington, the company secretary, says the group had a spectacular first half last year, with profits leaping 50 per cent after one or two special orders.

Turnover is £1 million lower than a year ago, at £42 million, but compares favourably with the £30 million the year before. Earnings slipped from 10.4p to 9.1p, but the interim dividend is held at 1.1p. The figures include six weeks from Mappin & Webb, but there is no breakdown.

### Tops falls 40%

Pre-tax profits at Tops Estates fell by 40 per cent to £1.1 million in the six months to Sep-tember. However, when £1 million of one-off residential sales in 1989 are stripped out, first-half profits are significantly higher.

The net interest charge at the town centre retail specialist rose 12 per cent to £3.1 million. An interim dividend of 0.5p a share will be paid.

#### Northern buys

Northern Foods has bought Falconis, which makes French bread, for £21.4 million. Falconis supplies Marks and Spencer and other retailers, hotels and airlines in the Southeast.

Christopher Haskins, Northern's chairman, said: "The strong growth of our existing sandwich and speciality bread businesses has convinced us this is an area with very exciting potential." For the year to end-June, Falconis made pre-tax profits of £2.9 million on sales of £38.7 million. by Row, in a volume entitled The Great BT Saga, they averaged a profit of 38p a share, making £90,475.

### Cadbury deal

Cadbury Schweppes has bought Fafil, the bottler of Tri-Naranjus drink in Portugal, for £12 million cash, having bought the TriNaranjus brand in October 1989.

Cadbury said the cash sum was subject to an adjustment based on the completion balance sheet; £10.6 million was payable on completion.

#### :Wyndham loss

Wyndham Group, the Cardiff motor distribution and property group, suffered pre-tax losses of £909,000 in the six months to end-September, and the introduction of a against £1.45 million profits last year. Losses per share were 13.09p, against earnings of 20.05p. There is no interim dividend (2p a share).

## Punishment 'a warning' to electricity privatisation applicants

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# Two jailed for share fraud

By Ross Tieman A BRIGHTON landlord and a closes on Wednesday.

former barrister have been jailed for two-and-a-half years and 18 months respectively for making multiple share applications in government privatisations. They were also or-dered to pay £257,000 in fines. Judge Robin Laurie, passing

sentence at Southwark Crown Court yesterday, indicated that the punishments should serve as a warning to those subscribing for shares in the government's £5.2 billion offer for sale of the 12 electric-

come before a court to date,

ran his fraudulent activities

like a "minor industry" (Ross

He made 3,300 applications

for shares in eight privatisat-

ions, rather than the eight that

he was legally entitled to

make, Judge Robin Laurie

Row told Southwark Crown

Court that he had not bought

shares before 1984, when Brit-

ish Telecom was offered for

The government, he said,

"threw money on the pave-

ment", adding even after he

had been convicted of fraud:

"I do not see why I should be

Row conspired with Jona-

than Roberts, a barrister

turned property conveyancer

and speculator, and others, to

profit by stagging the issue through multiple applications.

They applied for 262,000

shares at the part-paid price of

50p. According to records kept

Row devoted great time,

energy and skill to the en-

deavour. He used the addresses of his 18 rented

properties, his friends, and even post office boxes to make

500 applications for parcels of

Names were picked at random from a telephone direc-

tory. Row opened 16 stock-

broking accounts to ease disposal of the shares. Roberts

Their share-stagging ring

dissolved after the BT issue,

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Roberts, described in court

200 and 400 BT shares.

made 21 applications.

prosecuted for picking it up."

Tieman writes).

ity supply companies, which ever to come before any accounting record kept by privatisation issues and the closes on Wednesday.

court". His sentence is the Row, entitled The Great BT TSB Group. He was also

He said: "It seems to me stiffest handed down for such that the sentences of this court must be on a level to make clear...that ordinary decent people in this country will not stand for this.

"I make that comment knowing that at the present time another privatisation is under way."

Judge Laurie said that the multiple share applications, made by "persistent fraud-

discretionary trust to apply for

shares. Both men drew up

trust deeds, and used them to

make multiple applications

for subsequent privatisations.

Judge Laurie held the trusts to

stag eight more issues. He

British Gas shares, and bor-

rowed £100,000 to make 168

applications during the British

Airways offer. Judge Laurie

estimated Row's total profits

made 1,097 applications for

Row's greed drove him to

be "a complete nonsense".

MICHAEL Row, the Brighton as "a barrack room lawyer

landlord sentenced to a two-suffering from some legal

and-a-half year jail term yes-knowledge, but not enough", terday for the worst case of decided the law could be

multiple share applications to circumvented by the use of a

offences.

Row had conspired with Jonathan Roberts, aged 36, a former Chancery Division barrister and others, to obtain shares in the 1984 privatisation of British Telecom by deception, in breach of the Criminal Law Act. Both had

denied the charge. They made more than 500 applications, using false ster" Michael Row, aged 41, a names and addresses, for a deception undwr the Theft Act

in cheques drawn on more

than 20 bank and building

society accounts, to stag the

privatisations of British Gas,

British Airways and Rolls-

Royce. Altogether, his profits

accountants hired to police the

issues by cross-checking

names and addresses of ap-

plicants by computer. Their

"fuzzy-matching" technique led to Row and Roberts being

arrested by fraud squad detec-

Handing down sentences

yesterday, the judge said Row

tives in December 1987.

Both men fell fonl of

amounted to £80,000.

Saga, was discovered in a sack convicted under the Criminal in the loft of a property owned

by Roberts. Roberts, of Peaslake, near Guildford, Surrey, had pleaded guilty to criminal deception under the Theft Act in obtaining shares in the British Gas, British Airways, and Rolls-Royce privatisations.

Row, of Windlesham Road. Brighton, East Sussex, was found guilty of criminal

were granted powers to confiscate the proceeds of fraud, 'Industry' that led to prison properties he owned, sending contempt for ordinary decent people", and was wholly un-

renentant. Roberts, who received an 18-month sentence, had net assets of £1.5 million. Both men have, however, been the victims of their own greed. Roberts claimed to have lost all his profits on liberty at risk. subsequent, ill-judged share transactions. Row said he Row was also fined a total of

faced losses of £150,000 after speculating in the gold market through UBS Phillips & Drew, Judge Laurie, who also imposed fines on them totalling £257,000, found little cause consecutive six-month senfor sympathy.

He said their activities had tences for his other offences,

making 18 months in all.

Attempt Act of seeking shares

in Cambridge Instruments. The court heard that Row had made estimated profits of £200,000, while Roberts had made £80,000. Roberts had net assets of £1.5 million, while Row was worth £250,000 "on a very conser-

vative estimate". Judge Laurie said the offences took place before courts

so fines must reflect the gains Row was jailed for 12 months for his part in the BT deception and received a consecutive sentence, totalling 12 months, for seven other offences. A further consecutive sentence of six months was imposed because he appfied for BAA shares after the Appeal Court said that those convicted of making multiple applications would put their

£157,000, with further prison terms should he default, and ordered to pay £26,000 costs. Roberts was jailed for 12 months for his part in the BT conspiracy. Running concur-rently with that are three

He was fined £100,000, with

By MARTIN BARROW

CONTROL Techniques, the

motion and process control specialist, has announced a

heavily discounted rights issue

Shareholders are offered

one new share for every four

held at 170p a share, against

yesterday's opening price of 223p. News of the issue, which

is fally underwritten by SG

Warburg, left existing shares 15p lower at 208p.

Part of the proceeds of the rights issue will fund the

acquisition of Dr Henschen, a

privately owned German con-

trol instrumentation maker,

The company also an-

nounced a 68 per cent increase

in taxable profits to £7.4 million for the year to end-

September, and earnings 20 per cent higher at 20p a share.

A final dividend of 4.35p

makes 6.5p (5.5p) for the year.

will help repay a portion of

existing borrowings of £4.81

The rest of the rights issue

for DM7.15 million cash.

to raise £9.8 million.

## **BUSINESS ROUNDUP Burmah Castrol bid** for Foseco extended

BURMAH Castrol's bid of 275p a share in cash for Foseco, the speciality chemicals group, attracted acceptances of just 0.9 per cent of the issued capital by the first closing date. Burmah acquired 14.6 per cent of Foseco in the market after the bid in October and now speaks for 15.5 per cent.

The offer, which values Foseco at £237 million, has been extended until December 13. Foseco shares closed unchanged at 280p. Burmah shares rose 1p to 459p.

#### Vistec falls to £78,000

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Vistec Group, the USM quoted computer services company, have slumped 93 per cent to £78,000 from last year's £1.1 million for the six months to end-October. Sales from the continuing businesses increased from £13.5 million to £13.9 million. There is no interim

### Pembridge in £2.35m sale

WOLSTENHOLME Rink the Lancashire printing materials manufacturer, has acquired Printing Supplies & Equipment, which sells products to the offset litho printing industry, from Pembridge Investments for about £2.35 million. PS&E made pre-tax profits of £186,000 in the year to end-December

## Albrighton tumbles

ALBRIGHTON, the building products company that began as a sweet maker, has confirmed its September profit warning, reporting a £257,000 pre-tax loss for the six months

The deficit for the period was struck after £338,000 exceptional provisions for redundancies, and compares with a £127,000 profit for the same period in 1989. An operating profit of £1.1 million compares with £259,000 last year. Peter Woodman, the chairman, said the company had temporarily

#### Interim drop Arlen lifts at Stoddard

STODDARD Sekers, Scottish manufacturer of carpets and furnishing fabrics, had taxable profits down 13 per cent to £1.01 million, against £1.16 million, for the six months to end-September, on turnover 5 per cent lower at £20.6 million. Earnings were down 13 per cent to 1.3p. The interim dividend

remains at 0.55p.

## turnover 35%

ARLEN, the electrical accessories group which merged with Highland Electronics this year, lifted interim preprofits to £453,000 (£302,000) to end-September. Turnover grew 35 per cent to £13.4 million (£9.92 million). Earnings per share fall from 1.81p to 0.64p. There is an interim dividend of 0.5p (nil).

## Alphamenc cuts losses

ALPHAMERIC, the information systems and keyboard manufacturer, which has been reorganised and restructured, has trimmed pre-tax losses from £2.54 million to £1.21 million in the six months to end-September

Turnover fell from £12.3 million to £6.93 million, largely due to disposals. About 28 per cent of the group's business is overseas and this is expected to continue rising. The loss per share is 1.2p (4.3p loss). There is no dividend. There was an extraordinary loss of £538,000, representing the effect of the planned closure of the group's American operation.

## Edbro shares fall 25p

SHARES in Edbro, the Bolton manufacturer of tipping hoists for trucks and trailers, truck bodies and skip loaders, fell 25p to 78p after the company cut its interim dividend following a

Pre-tax profits were down 85 per cent to £300,000 (£2 million) to end-September, on sales down 19 per cent to £13.9 million (£17.1 million). The market for tippers ranging from 3.5 to 17 tonnes was down by 31 per cent, while the market for bigger tippers, from 24 to 38 tonnes, suffered a 61 per cent decline. The interim dividend has been cut from 3p to 1p, after earnings per share plunged from 16p to 2p. The company said: "The slump in UK demand seems likely to continue well into 1991."

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Expanding abroad: Trevor Wheatley, Control Techniques chairman, yesterday

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## WALL STREET US blue chips weaken

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fell 4 points to 2,514.81. BLUE chips weakened in Falling shares outnumbered from fears about a war after O Sydney - Shares shimped the UN Security Council's to their lowest in three weeks adoption of a resolution au- as investors became anxious

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STOCK MARKET

# Carlton shares up 12p as market recovers early fall

THE news that Carlton Communications will be distributing the X-rated video made by Madonna sent Cariton's share price climbing by 12p to 345p. The video, featuring the singer's latest single, has already attracted a great deal of publicity and has come at an opportune time for Carlton, which has seen its price slump this year from a high of 850p to a low of 298p. Followers of Carlton say that the Madonna video could

boost profits. They point to Michael Jackson's video of the Thriller album, which sold 20 Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, changed its recommendation from sell to buy this week, claiming that the

shares had been oversold. The full-year figures from Carlton which will be announced in a couple of weeks are expected to show pre-tax profits up from £112 million to £130 million. The group has more than £100 million in the bank. The rest of the equity market recovered from an early markdown which resulted from the UN ultimatum on Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. Prices flucmated in narrow limits for most of the day before a late to discuss its range of drugs rise as President Bush called and its competitors, failed to for talks with Iraq to seek a excite analysts. The price peaceful solution.

The FT-SE 100 index ended the second leg of the three- news agency and financial week account 13.8 higher at imformation group, fell 8p to 2,149.4. But turnover remained thin with just 331 York securities house, is be-2,149.4. But turnover remained thin with just 331 million shares traded. The FT lieved to have downgraded its index of 30 shares rose 8 to medium-term view of the 1,682.8. Government securi- shares from buy to hold.

Tokyo SHARES closed down but

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ties finished with gains of £1/2 at the longer end.

TIP Europe, the troubled trailer rental group, slumped Among the leaders, Thorn another 12p to a low of 37p -EMI gained a further 20p to making a two-day loss of 34p 665p, still reflecting the higher — in the wake of Thursday's valuations placed on its music profits warning. Rival division after the \$6 billion Tiphook also fell 12p to 351p bid by Matsushita of Japan for but Robert Montague, the MCA of America. But a chairman, is pleased with

Andrea Kirkby at Goldman Sachs has taken a liking to the ECC Group, formerly English China Clays, after the clear-out by Andrew Teare, the new chief executive, that was announced with the recent figures. She values ECC at £1 billion-plus (more than 50 per cent above the current share price) and believes it will weather the next six months, the most valuerable period. The shares hardened by 1p to 322p.

presentation given by Glaxo, trading. The interim figures firmed only 2p to 815p.

Reuters, the international

much of the day's volatility.

Share prices moved largely on

The market opened to the

The volume of 320 million

Tokyo dips 258 points

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Trading was thin before the shares compared with 300

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indications.

next week should show sharply higher pre-tax profits. Warburg Securities has just published a buy circular on Tiphook.

Brent Walker, the debtladen leisure group headed by George Walker, spent another nervous day before the expiration of the new deadline for its £103 million convertible bond issue. Most of Thursday's

the shares touching 95p before closing 11p dearer at 88p. The group announced this week that it was £20 million short of its target and it asked for an extension. Brent Walker has borrowings of about £1.4 billion.

Eurotemnel's units rose 8p to 323p and the warrants ip to 25p. Monday is the closing date for the £530 million rights issue. So far about 25,000 shareholders have applied for new shares. Most of the institutions will leave it to the last minute, but there are fears that the bulk of the issue will be left with the underwriters.

LIT Holdings, the financial services group, held steady at 6%p after announcing plans for a refinancing package and issuing a profits warning.
British Aerospace lost 7p at

519p, reflecting cutbacks involving the closure of its military aircraft plants at Kingston upon Thames in London and Preston in Lancashire, with the loss of 5,000 jobs during the next couple of

Barclays Bank suffered another early markdown in the wake of this week's warning about its growing bad debts. But the price later rallied to close 6p higher at 370p. Midland Bank firmed 2p to 196p, Lloyds Bank 3p to 283p, and National West-minster Bank 2p to 271p. Ladbroke, the betting shops, hotels and property group, fell 8p to 274p

MICHAEL CLARK

## **Extensive fire closes** Brussels exchange

THE Brussels stock exchange would take to put it back in closed after a fire swept working condition. Electricity through its trading floor at supplies to the ornate builddawn yesterday, causing ing, built in the 1870s, were extensive damage.

Police said the fire had caused extensive damage but no injuries. The trading floor and brokers' offices had been pletely black inside." seriously affected.

A fire brigade spokesman said the building, built in the in an electrical main junction weekend, accounting for so million on Thursday. (Reuter) 1870s, was still full of smoke

and it was unclear how long it

A witness said: "They're not going to be able to use that building for months. It's com-

The fire appeared to have been caused by an explosion (Reuter)

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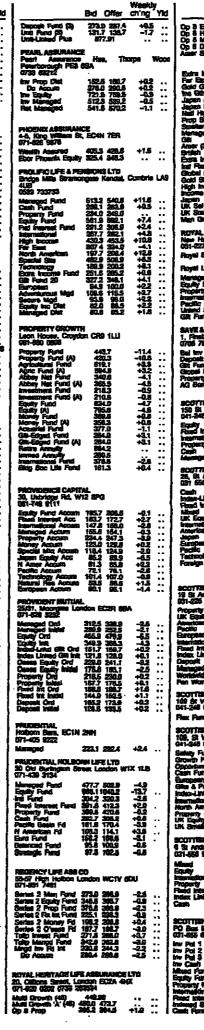
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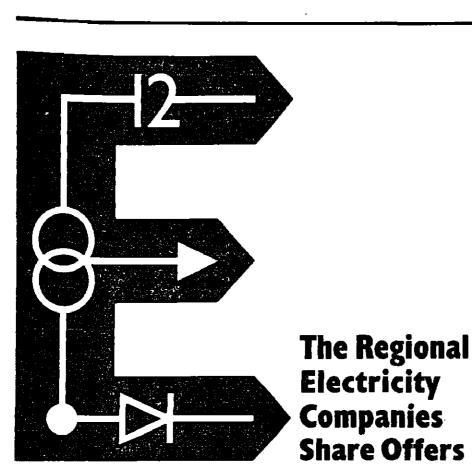
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## Offers for Sale

# Kleinwort Benson Limited

on behalf of

## The Secretary of State for Energy

HM Government is now offering for sale 100 per cent. of the ordinary share capital of each of the 12 Regional Electricity Companies of England and Wales. The offer price of 240p per share is payable in instalments of 100p now, 70p on 22nd October 1991 and 70p on 15th September 1992.

This advertisement contains the terms and conditions of application, a guide to completing the public application form and the public application form. This advertisement does not contain any information about the Regional Electricity Companies ("RECs"). It should therefore be read in conjunction with the full Prospectus may be obtained, until the Offers for Sale close, from most clearing bank branches and post offices. In applying for shares in any REC you will be created as applying on the basis of the information in the relevant Sections of the full Prospectus and on the terms and conditions set out below. Expressions defined in the full Prospectus have the same mea Before deciding to apply for shares you should consider carefully whether shares are a suitable investment for you. Their value can go down as well as up. If you need advice, you should consult a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant, bank manager or other professional adviser. The Council of The Stock Exchange has authorised the issue of this advertisement under Section 154(1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986 without approving its contents.

### The number of shares being offered in each company in the United Kingdom

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#### (b) Applications

Applications must be received no later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 5th December 1990. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

#### (c) No multiple applications

ONLY ONE APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANY PERSON FOR SHARES IN ANY SINGLE REC. The only exceptions to this rule are Permitted Employee Applications (as defined in the Prospectus) which may be made by eligible employees of the RECs. NGC and EASL.

#### SHARE OFFERS AND APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Multiple applications and suspected multiple applications are liable to be rejected. Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for shares in any single REC, for their own benefit, or that of any other person, either solely or jointly with other persons. Under the terms and conditions, an applicant can be required to disclose to the Secretary of State or his agents any information about the application which may be requested.

#### (d) Allocations

The basis of allocation of the shares in each REC is expected to be announced by 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 10th December 1990. If your application for shares in any REC is successful in whole or in part, you will be sent an interim certificate for the shares allocated to you in that REC. If there is heavy demand for the shares in any particular REC, you may receive fewer shares than you apply for in that REC or, in some cases,

If your application is not accepted, all money paid will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid.

Interim certificates are expected to be despatched to successful applicants on or before Wednesday, 19th December 1990. However, dealings are expected to commence in London at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th December 1990. Applicants who wish to sell before they

have received an interim certificate will only be able to do so if they make arrangements to deal on this basis. Applicants who deal before receipt of an interim certificate will do so at the risk of selling shares for which they have not received an allocation.

#### (f) Further instalments

You will be sent reminders in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become payable. The reminders will be sent to your address on the relevant register at the time. If you do not pay any instalments for which you are liable, your right to the shares may be cancelled. If you sell your shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

#### (g) Overseas applicants

No person receiving a copy of this advertisement and/or an application form in any territory other than the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the isle of Man may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such application form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such form could lawfully be used without contravention by any person of any registration or other regulatory or legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom receiving a copy of this advertisement and/or an application form and wishing to make an application to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of requisite governmental or other consents or the observance of any other requisite formalities and the payment of any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such territory.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

If you apply for shares in a Regional Electricity Company ("REC") you will be agreeing with the Secretary of State for Energy, Kleinwort Benson Limited, Lloyds Bank Ptc, Barclays Bank PtC, National Westminster Bank PtC, The Royal Trust Company and that REC (the "Company") as set out below. If you apply for shares in more than one REC your application for shares in each REC will be treated as a separate and independent application.

### Offer to purchase share

- 1. You offer to purchase from the Secretary of State at the Offer Price the number of shares indicated in your application (or any smaller number in respect of which your application is accepted) in the mpany on these terms and conditions.
- 2. You agree that your offer cannot be revoked prior to 12th January 1991 and promise that the cheque or draft accompanying your application will be honoured on first presentation. The Secretary of State agrees that he will not, prior to 12th January 1991, offer any of the shares in the Company to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus. If you are an eligible customer you will be entitled to customer preference on the shares of described in Part Lof Chapter VI of Section Lof the Prospectus. This paragraph constitutes a constitute of the Prospectus. described in Part I of Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus. This paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State. It becomes bind application is posted to, or (if delivered) is received by, a receiving bank.
- 3. If your application form is not completed correctly, or if the accompanying cheque or draft is for ount, it may still be treated as valid. In these circumstances the Secretary of State's (or his agent's) decision as to whether to treat your application as valid, and how to construe, r complete it, shall be final. You will not, however, be treated as having offered to purchase more shares in the Company than is indicated in your application for shares in the Company.
- 4. Any application may be rejected in whole or in part. Acceptance of your offer to purchase shares
- 5. The Secretary of State may accept your offer to purchase (if your application is received, valid, processed and not rejected) either (a) by notifying The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case the acceptance will be on that basis) or (b) by notifying acceptance to the receiving bank which case the acceptance will be on that basis) or (b) by notifying acceptance to the receiving bank which processed your application. The acceptance may be of the whole or any part of your offer and, accordingly, the number of shares in the Company you offer to purchase may be sea
- If the Secretary of State accepts your offer to purchase (in whole or in part) there will be a binding contract under which you will be required to purchase the shares in respect of which your offer has been accepted if, prior to 12th January 1991, both (a) the shares in the Company which are the subject of the Combined Offers are admitted to the Official List of The Stock Exchange and (b) the UK Underwriting Agreement referred to in Part 9 of Chapter V of Section I of the Prospectus is not terminated, and the underwriting obligation under that Agreement becomes unconditional, in respect of the shares in the Company.
- You will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance. This does not affect any other rights you may have.

### Payment for the shares

- 8. You undertake to pay the purchase price for the shares in the Company in respect of which your offer is accepted in three instalments as described in the Prospectus. The cheque or draft oner is acceptant or the installments as described in the Prospectis. The cheque or grant accompanying your application may be presented for payment before acceptance of your offer, but this will not constitute acceptance of your offer either in whole or in part. The proceeds of this presentation will be held pending acceptance and, if your offer is accepted, will be app discharging the first instalment, which is due upon acceptance. The second instalment is ier 1991 and the third instalment is due on 15th September 1992 (and, in each case, for value by 3.00 p.m. on that date). Following payment in full of the purchase price the Secretary of State will arrange for the shares which you have agreed to purchase to be transferred to you. This transfer will not, however, occur before 18th August 1992
- If your application is invalid, is rejected or is not accepted in full, or if the circumstances described in paragraph 6(a) or (b) do not occur prior to 12th January 1991, any proceeds of the cheque or draft accompanying your application (or, if your application is accepted in part, the unused balance of those proceeds) will be refunded to you without interest.

- 10. The Secretary of State may require you to pay interest or his other resulting costs (or both) if the cheque or draft accompanying your application is not honoured on first presentation. If you are required to pay interest you will pay the amount determined by the Secretary of State or his agents to be the interest on the amount of the cheque or draft from the date of acceptance until the date of receipt of cleared funds. The rate of interest will be the then published bank base rate of a clearing bank selected by the Secretary of State plus 2 per cent. per annum. The Secretary of State may apply part of any payment received from you in paying this interest or other costs. In this event (or if the late payment is for other reasons insufficient) the remainder of the payment will be applied in paying the first instalment in respect of as many shares in the Company as possible. If the payment is in respect of the shares in more than one REC, the Secretary of State may apportion it in any manner between the shares in those RECs. Any balance of the payment remaining will be held by the Secretary of State on your behalf and may be applied in paying any other amounts due to the Secretary of State. If the Secretary of State terminates the agreement to purchase shares under paragraph II below and no other amounts remain due to the Secretary of State, the remaining balance will be returned to you (without interest). receipt of cleared funds. The rate of interest will be the then published bank base rate of a clearing will be returned to you (without interest).
- 11. At any time until the Secretary of State has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of a share the Secretary of State may terminate the agreement to purchase that share. This termination will be effected by notice being despatched to you. In the event of termination you will pay to the Secretary of State, on demand, such amount as may be certified on his behalf as being te the Secretary of State for the losses, costs and ex expected to be incurred as a result of the cheque or draft not being honoured on first presentation and as a result of termination (taking into account any amounts paid under paragraph 10 above and any profit gained on the resale of the share).
- 12. If you receive any interim certificate in respect of the shares you have agreed to purchase before the Secretary of State has received, in cleared funds, the first instalment in respect of those shares, you shall forthwith return it to the receiving banker from which it was sent.

- 13. Upon receipt by the Secretary of State in cleared funds of the first instalment in respect of any share for which your offer to purchase has been accepted, you will become a party to, and will be bound by, the Instalment Agreement in respect of that share. Accordingly, from that date you will be entitled to the benefit of rights attached to that share in accordance with the terms of the Instalment Agreement. Until that date the Secretary of State will remain entitled to the benefit of all rights attached to that share. Upon your becoming a party to the Instalment Agreement in respect of any share, the obligations to pay the second and final instalments in respect of that share, and the obligation to transfer shares to you, contained in paragraph 8 above will be replaced by the corresponding obligations in the Instalment Agreement. If, at the date you become a party to the ement. Until that date the Secretary of State will remain entitled to the benefit of ent, the second or final instalment (or both) has already fallen due and has not been paid, you will be obliged to pay that or those instalments in accordance with the terms of the Instalment Agreement as if you were a "Purchaser" (as elined in the Instalment Agreement) on
- 14. If you are eligible and your offer to purchase shares in the Company is accepted, you will be entitled to receive any incentive in relation to the Company you may have elected to receive in your application. This entitlement is governed by, and you must comply with, the requirements set out, or referred to, in Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus.

#### Warranties 15. You warrant that:-

- (i) You are not under 18 years of age on the date of your application
- (ii) You are not, and you are not applying on behalf of, a US or Canadian person (as defined in Part 2 of Chapter VI of Section I of the Prospectus) or an individual, corporation or entity resident
- (III) If your application, together with all other applications in which you have an interest, were

- accepted in full, neither you, nor any person on whose behalf you are applying, would have an interest (as defined in Article 40 of the Articles of Association of the Company) in shares ting 15 per cent, or more of the issued share capital of the Company
- (iv) In making your application you are relying only on the Prospectus and the Mini Prospectus taken together with the Prospectus and not on any other information or representation concerning the Company or the Combined Offers. You agree that no person responsible for the Prospectus or any part of it will have any hability for any such other information or
- (v) If the laws of any place outside the United Kingdom are applicable to your application, you have complied with all such laws and none of the parties mentioned at the top of these terms. and conditions will infringe any taws outside the United Kingdom as a result of the acceptance of your offer to purchase or any actions arising from your rights and obligations under these terms and conditions, the instalment Agreement and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company.
- 16. If the person signing the application is not the applicant, that person warrants that he has authority to do so on behalf of the applicant and that this authority is vested in him by virtue of any power of attorney which (or a copy of which) accompanies the application. Supply and disclosure of information
- l his agents may have full access to all inf from, the cheque or draft accompanying your application and its processing. If the Secretary of State or his agents request any further information about your application you must promptly disclose it to them. Upon your becoming a party to the Instalment Agreement your name(s) will be placed on the register of interim rights for the Company and, if you pay your instalments and do not transfer those rights, subsequently on its register of members. These registers are open to inspection by the public, who may take copies in return for a prescribed fee. The information supplied in, or in connection with, your application may also be disclosed to HM Government departments (and their agents) concerned with other privatisations and to members of the police forces for compiling lists of suspected multiple applicants.

### No multiple applications

18. You warrant that the declarations on your application form are true and correct. If they are not you may be making a multiple application. Any interim certificate or returned application moneys relating to a person suspected of making a multiple application may be held (in the case of moneys,

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- 19. All documents and any returned moneys will be sent at your risk. They may be sent by post to you at the address shown on the application form. Any cheque will be made payable to you (or the first person named in any joint appli
- You agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company once the shares you have agreed to purchase have been transferred to you.
- 21. Your application, any acceptance of that application and the contract resulting therefrom will be the parties mentioned at the top of these terms and conditions you irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts in respect of these matters. This does not prevent an action being taken against you in any other jurisdiction. rned by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England. For the exclusive benefit of,
- 22. Reference in these terms and conditions to the Prospectus is to the full prospectus dated 21st November 1990 containing listing particulars relating to each of the RECs. Words defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these terms and conditions and in your application. In the case of a joint application, references to you in these terms and conditions are to each of you and, ility is joint and several.
- 23. Neither Kleinwort Berson Limited nor any of the banks mentioned at the top of these terms and conditions will treat you as its customer by virtue of your making an application for shares or by virtue of your offer to purchase being accepted. In particular, they will not owe you any duties or ties concerning the price of the shares or concerning the suitability of shares for you.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM

#### SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR TAKE IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 1 LO AM ON WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1990, at the appropriate receiving bank address shown below for the company you have applied for on this form

Company	Receiving bank	Address
Eastern	National Westminster Bank PLC	Registrar's Department, PO Box No. 663, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 IXU
East Midlands	Barclays Bank PLC	New Issues, PO Box No. 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD
London	Lloyds Bank Plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box 1994, Quayside Tower, 260 Broad Street, Birmingham B I 2HU
Manweb	Barclays Bank PLC	New Issues, PO Box No. 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD
Midlands	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box No. 7, Canning House, 19 Canning Street, Edinburgh EH38TE
Northern	Bank of Scotland	New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AL
NORWEB	Bank of Scotland	New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 4AL
SEEBOARD	Lloyds Bank Plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box 1994, Quayside Tower, 260 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HU
Southern	Lloyds Bank Plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box 1994, Quayside Tower, 260 Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2HU
South Wales	Barclays Bank PLC	New Issues, PO Box No. 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD
SWEB	National Westminster Bank PLC	Registrar's Department, PO Box No. 663, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 I XU
Yorkshire	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box No. 7, Canning House, 19 Canning Street, Edinburgh EH3 8TE

YOU ARE ADVISED TO USE FIRST CLASS POST AND TO ALLOW AT LEAST TWO DAYS FOR DELIVERY OR

TAKETHIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 1990 to any UK branch of Lloyds, Barclays, NatWest, Bank of Scotland, The Royal Bank of Scotland or Ulster Bank

ORTAKETHIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE 10.00 AM ON WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1990 TO ANY OF THE RECEIVING CENTRES LISTED OPPOSITE

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Ulster Bank Limited. Personal Investment Unit, 88/90 High Street, Belfast

Birmingham Lloyds Bank Plc. 125 Colmore Row, Birmingham

Bristol National Westminster Bank PLC,

32 Corn Street, Bristoi Cardiff Barclays Bank PLC,

121 Queen Street, Cardiff Edinburgh
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh

Exeter Lloyds Bank Pic. 234 High Street, Exeter

Bank of Scotland. 110 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow

National Westminster Bank PLC, 8 Park Row, Leeds

Liverpool Barclays Bank PLC, 4 Water Street, Liverpool

Lloyds Bank Pic, Registrar's Department, Issue Section, 2nd Floor, Bolsa House, 80 Cheapside, London EC2

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Number of shares for which I am applying

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NORTHERN NORWEB

Before completing this form, please read carefully the guide above

PHOTOCOPIES OF APPLICATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

The Secretary of State for Energy is a registered data user under the Data Protection Act 1984

and your attention is drawn to paragraph 17 of the terms and conditions.

REGIONAL ELECTRICITY COMPANIES PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

4) Using the middle column of the table in Note 3, put in Box 4 (in figures) the amount you pay

now for the shares applied for in Box 3. Payment for shares is in three instalments. The

(\$)>Sign and date the form in Box 5. Please read

declaration in Box 5 before signing.

be sent in plenty of time.

WARNING

second inscalment of 70p per share is payable by

22nd October 1991 and the final instalment of 70p

per share by 15th September 1992. Reminders will

carefully the warning below and the

Only one application may be made for the

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Applications (as defined in the Prospectus).

under the age of 18, you, rather than that person,

else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so.

In this case the original of the relevant power of

attorney (or a copy certified by a solicitor) must be

enclosed unless the form is signed by a selling agent,

financial intermediary or UK clearing bank, in

which case the signatory must state the capacity in

duly authorised official, whose representative

A separate cheque must accompany each

Your cheque must be drawn in sterling on an

account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom,

the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear

a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand

Alternatively, you may use a bankers draft, a

cheque from your building society or a bank

branch, or a personal cheque drawn by someone

else. In each case it must meet the above

requirements and you should write your full name

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persons aged 18 or over. They should read carefully

the warning in Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5

The form may be signed by someone else on behalf

(6)⊳Pin to Box 6 your cheque for the amount you

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before signing in Box 7.

favour of the first named applicant.

-(7)> You may apply jointly with up to three other

of the joint applicant(s), as described in Note 5.

If you are applying for the benefit of someone

The application form may be signed by someone

-(1) Put in Box I your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS).

in the "A/C" box.

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a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that

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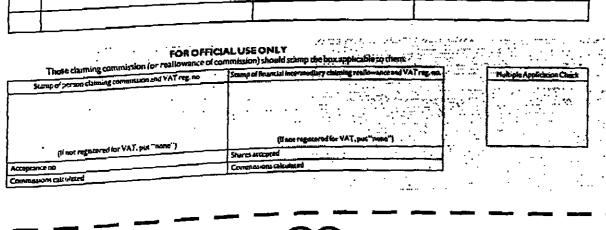
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# Banks fail to curb errors when crediting accounts

HIGH ST. BANK PIC

MR R JONES

CUSTOMERS of high street banks have not noticed any radical reduction in instances of money being mistakenly credited to accounts, according to the banking ombudsman's annual report.

Complaints about account errors still accounted for 9.6 per cent of cases passed to the ombudsman, the same proportion as over the past three

Generally, money entering an account by mistake happens for two reasons. A salary cheque is wrongly credited, which is often the employer's fault, or a clerical error is made by the bank's own staff. The use of computers to transact money has greatly increased errors of this type.

Laurence Shurman, the ombudsman, said: "At the end of the day, bank staff are human beings and are prone to mistakes.

But, according to the British Bankers Association, if people fail to keep an eye on their accounts and they land in difficulties when they have to pay back money that is not theirs "that's just tough".

A spokesman said: "It just isn't their money. There are 80 million accounts in this country and the amount of mistakes are really small in comparison. But the inconvenience

caused to the public can be enormous. As one disgruntled National Westminster Bank customer said: "I received £1,543 by mistake, which is roughly equivalent to my monthly pay cheque. I didn't notice the money and it made no difference to my general researcher at the Consumer Once a case reaches the om-lifestyle whatsoever. The bank Association, said: "Money in-budsman, the customer stands

By SARA MCCONNELL

COMPLAINTS to the bank-

ing ombudsman will be dealt with more quickly if cus-

tomers with a grievance make

an effort to present their case

clearly, Laurence Shurman said in his report.

The ombudsman suggested

that customers write the com-

plaint letter clearly, on one

side of the paper only, giving a

concise account of the com-

plaint. Useful information in-

cludes details of what the

customer thinks the bank has

done wrong, what loss, if any,

has been suffered, and what

ing and how it is calculated.

initially the more speedily we can deal with it," said Mr

The bank concerned should

be the first port of call and

customers should only com-

the letter

contacted me 93 days later saying they had made a mistake. They wanted the money back but I hadn't got it. They said it was up to me to check my account, but the bottom line is I don't see why I should pay for a bank's mistake."

This particular case has reached deadlock, although Nat West is offering to pay half the money back and waive all overdraft charges. When all negotiations between the bank and the customer have broken down, the case is taken before Jean Eaglesham, a senior

'Make complaints clearly'

appropriately credited to a customer's account doesn't happen that much, but when it does it causes major problems if people have spent the money and then face charges on the debt.

"You effectively have no rights. The legal position is that banks are acting as agents and the person is not entitled to that money under any circumstances. Banks don't ever want to admit they have made a mistake but if they clearly have, they may take a discretionary measure and it is always worth a try."

a better chance of recouping any losses because each case is judged individually. The ombudsman stresses that he is "neither a consumer champion nor the banks' lackey".

Mr Shurman said: "It is impossible to generalise on cases. There are no rules to govern this situation. All I can say is that I judge each case on its individual merits." "For example, if my bank

put an extra £1 million into my account, I would have no excuse if I booked a trip on Concorde and went round the world because I don't have a £1 million and am never likely to receive a cheque that size. But I can visualise a person being paid money into his account which does not alter his lifestyle and which he genuinely didn't notice. If the bank failed to act within a reasonable time to correct the mistake, then a judgment in favour of the client could be In his report, Mr Shurman

said that many complaints could have been avoided by better communication between bank and customer. Cost cutting measures like cashpoint machines meant that customers had fewer opportunities to talk to bank staff and obtain individual explanations for bank actions. "What is often required is

greater readiness to pick up the phone to explain the the card has been lost or the position or to invite the Pin discovered by another customer to come along to the bank and discuss it. Often that would do more to avoid a misorised spending on cash cards could be limited to the first understanding than a mere written communication and at the same time cement the relationship between bank and customer," he said.

> Scheme, Annual Report 1989-90, The Office of the Banking Ombudsman, Citadel House, 5-11 Fetter Lane, London



compensation they are claimthey cannot solve the problem Complaints should be brief and it is useful to send copies he added. of documents referred to in

However, a 45 per cent increase in complaints this "We consider all com- year appears to indicate a plaints received no matter continuing communication ted, but the problem between banks and

Cashpoint machines were again the biggest problem, attracting 12.3 per cent or 482 of the 3,915 complaints

#### containing a cashpoint card and a personal identification number (Pin) inadequately disguised in an address book. or found their card had been borrowed by a member of the family or workmate who had discovered the number. Money was then taken out of the account in a so-called 'phantom withdrawal". Mr Shurman said the banking ombudsman normally decided in favour of the bank, The small print on the back of a plastic card says the cardholder is liable for all withdrawals made on the card until he or she tells the bank

internally through the bank,

better presented a complaint is customers.

received.

Typically, customers either

#### £50 if proposals are included practice to be announced next week. Such a move would be The Banking Ombudsman strongly supported by the ombudsman, who urged banks to adopt the £50 limit in anticipation of the code. Banks generally support the plain to the ombudsman if had their handbag stolen idea of limited liability.

## C&G to launch flexible Tessa

By LINDSAY COOK

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society will lannch a flexible tax-exempt special savings account (Tessa) next week linked to its London share account.

Customers who want to take advantage of the new scheme, which will allow savers to earn interest tax-free over a five-year period, will be requested to fill out an application. The society will then transfer up to the maximum £3,000 investment into a Tessa when the government

scheme starts on January 1. Andrew Longhurst, chief executive, said the scheme would give savers the chance to earn interest without tax being deducted on the amount in the Tessa. Currently the account pays 11.5 per cent on sums over £2,500. Without rate of 15.33 per cent.

Tessa during the five years. But if they do they will still receive the rate offered by the London share account.

Mr Longhurst said the flexible so that investors can take advantage straightaway of any increases in savings limits on the Tessa scheme announced in future Budgets. It allows up to £9,000 to be

invested over five years. Tessa rules have not been finalised, but investors in all Tessas will be able to transfer to other schemes without losing tax advantages if the interest rate in their own account falls below market rates.

Save & Prosper indicated the rate on its Tessa account would be 12 per cent.

## Futures funds may come to pass for unit trusts

But liability for unauth-

UNIT trust investors will be volatility and affect overall fund performance.

There is also a danger that able to put money into futures and options by next spring if final draft rules to be anmany smaller investors may nounced by the Securities and not be aware of the greater Investments Board on Monday are accepted.

Although the proposals will be published in the form of a consultative document, and will therefore be open to amendment, a spokeswoman for the Securities and Investments Board said that few changes were expected to the

For the first time, unit trust fund managers will be allowed to use the financial futures and options markets in the course of their ordinary investment business. They will also be able to launch new high-risk, high-reward funds, dealing exclusively in futures and options.

Previously, unit trust groups were all but barred tax deducted this becomes a from using futures, options and warrants - known collec-Savers will receive the tively as derivatives - to higher rate so long as they do | hedge risk within their funds. not withdraw any of the ori- because they had to pay ginal sum transferred to the corporation tax at 35 per cent on profits.

in turn lose a third of their profit through tax. Other sorts of unit trust are scheme was designed to be not liable to tax, including capital gains tax on the profits

This meant investors would

made by funds. But following amendments announced in the last Budget, by John Major, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, and ratified by Parliament in the Finance Act 1990, all fund other derivatives, they can be management groups will be

on derivatives as capital gains. said a Fidelity spokesman. Some observers believe that the use of futures and options, even in everyday fund management, will expose both equity and fixed incomebased unit trusts to greater selling an option when dealing

risks of investing in futures and options funds. The Securities and Investments Board is countering this criticism by including proposals that will force management groups to market their funds under one of three new

risk categories. The first will comprise the main bulk of existing unit trusts whose risk-profile will not change significantly through conservative use of futures and options.

The remaining categories,

which may not even come under the unit trust banner, will distinguish between new authorised futures and options funds, which guarantee to repay the original capital and carry a lower risk rating, and so-called "highly-geared" funds that will, in the words of one observer "come with a government health warning". Fidelity investments, based

which has more than \$115 billion in funds under management, wants the draft proposals to tackle over the counter (OTC) options. These are not traded on recognised exchanges and are therefore less liquid than other options. but they do allow fund managers to deal in longer-dated

"Although OTC options are indeed more illiquid than valuable tools in the hands of allowed to treat trading profits an investment professional,"

> Fidelity also wants to see the Securities and Investments Board make a distinction between the separate risks associated with buying and

limits are finally imposed. Buyers face unlimited profits against strictly limited losses, while sellers can expect only a small profit and the prospect of unlimited losses.

may destroy the generally held view that unit trusts offer a cheap and simple way into the world's stock markets. But they also believe that the final proposals will provide some relief to management groups who may have

Some unit trust managers fear that higher-risk funds

been struggling to make a profit during a market slump. John Govett, Fidelity and Guardian Royal Exchange (GRE) are all keen to develop futures and options funds and the latter is actively considering both a high-risk and a guaranteed or low-risk fund.

Ian Swan, marketing director at Guardian Royal Exchange, said: "The packaging of financial products to exploit niche demands in the market is going to become increasingly important in the future."

Mr Swan will only confirm in Boston, Massachusetts, that such funds are on his product development list.

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# Credit card insurance warning

By RICHARD IRVING

CHRISTMAS shoppers and people hoping to stock up on bargains in the January sales could find themselves paying over the odds for insurance on personal loans or credit card borrowings, the Consumers' Association said,

"Borrowers should look for the best possible package before committing themselves," Jean Eaglesham, acting head of money research at the association, said.

"Many lenders require borrowers to take out a homegrown payment protection plan which can substantially increase the monthly payments on a personal loan. In many cases, premiums are added to the loan each month, so borrowers pay interest on

This can add significantly to the level of repayments over the term of the loan.

In a survey in September examining 40 schemes, the association found that the difference between the cheapest package and the most expensive deal on a £5,000 personal loan was more than £1,600. This takes into account the capital repayment, interest and insurance premiums.

"Our advice to borrowers contemplating insurance, is to take it out only if there will be no possibility of meeting the repayments should anything untoward happen," she said.

This may not be quite as

BANKS and building societies

will promise restraint in the

marketing of loans in the draft

code of practice they are due

The provisions in the code

are expected to please John

Major, the new prime min-ister, who called for them

when he was Chancellor of the

Exchequer. But they may not

Mr Major struck a chord

with many members of the

public when, in his Budget

speech in March, he admon-

ished banks for "indiscrimi-

nate" marketing of credit. He

suggested the banks control

this through provisions in the

code of practice being drawn

up in response to recom-

mendations of the Jack report

on banking law and practice.

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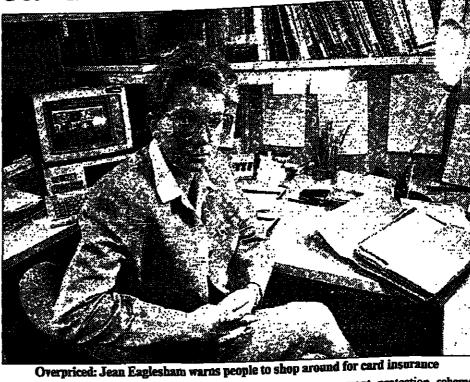
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The report was commis-

to publish next Thursday.



lenders market their protec-tion policies on a negative option basis. This means that investors are automatically enrolled into the scheme when they originally apply for the loan, unless they specifically

if the policyholder dies, and meet monthly repayments if he or she is forced out of work, either through illness, disabilBorrowers can also take

Lending code to fall

in line with Major

By Maria Scott

The government has since

reinforced its recommen-

dations in a white paper on banking practice, and the code being published on Thursday will enshrine recommenda-

The drafting, by banks and

den, former deputy governor

The marketing of credit is

one of the more contentious

areas dealt with in the code.

The draft is expected to state

that banks and building soci-

eties will exercise caution over

who they market loans to and

will take particular care in

promoting them to young people with the aim of

preventing them from over

of the Bank of England.

tions from both.

please all customers. They building societies, has been stop a long way short of a ban overseen by a committee on direct mail promotions of headed by Sir George Blun-

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

LARGER LENDERS

sioned by the government and also anticipated that banks

chaired by Professor Robert will have to tell minors that

committing themselves". It is out many of the competitions

request otherwise.

Borrowers should look closely at the eligibility clauses that can render claims invalid.

Most insurers, for example, will reject outright any claims resulting from pregnancy, self-inflicted injuries, loss of work through alcohol or drug abuse A payment protection policy should at the very least, repay the outstanding balance between making a claim and receiving any payment, mean-

they cannot overdraw on cash

The code is also expected to

say that banks and building

societies should encourage

customers who are in financial

difficulty to let them know

immediately so that cases of

Several banks and building

societies protested after Mr

Major's budget remarks that

they did not send out mail

that it was unfair to single

them out when loans were also

being marketed by many other

The prime minister and the

Treasury are thought to have

noted these protests. Banks

have helped their cause by

pulling back on their direct

mail programmes and cutting

and give-aways they were

A consultative document

being issued with the draft code is likely to recommend

that the government consider

tightening up advertising regu-

lations under the Consumer

Credit Act to force other

lenders to observe practices

similar to those promoted by

the code for banks and build-

customer confidentiality.

using to push loans.

shots to non-customers and

hardship can be dealt with

sympathetically.

easy as it appears as most ity or possibly redundancy. payment protection schemes on credit card and store card loans, although the difference between premiums can be just as stark. A person wishing totake out insurance on an-Access card through Midland Bank's cardholder protection plan, for example, can expect to pay 69p per £100 worth of

This drops to 60p through Lloyds Bank's payment protection plan and to only 30p per £100 of cover through Borrowers can also take out National Westminster's creditguard scheme. The most expensive policy also provides the least amount of cover - a. maximum of £5,000 in the, event of death against £7,500 at Lloyds and at NatWest.

The circumstances under which policies pay out in the event of accident, sickness or disability also differ greatly. Under NatWest's scheme, 10 per cent of the outstanding debt is paid off each month for up to 12 months once 14 consecutive working days have been lost.

At Lloyds, a borrower must be away from work for at least 30 consecutive days and must have an outstanding balance in excess of £50 to qualify for payments, again amounting to 10 per cent of the outstanding debt per month for a maximum period of 12 months. Policies may not pay out if borrowers go over their personal credit limit.

A Barclaycard spokesworn an said that figures recently published by the social security department showed that. more than one million people; are too ill to work for a period of six months or more. In. addition, 80,000 men between the ages of 20 and 65, who are. likely to have some form of borrowing, die each year.

More than 40 per cent of Barclaycard's 8.5 million customers opt for the plan. costing 30p per £100 of cover: A spokeswoman said: "This is for peace of mind.

The Consumers' Association is not convinced. "Very few people need to insure their credit card loans. "Monthly repayments are usually small in comparison to those onlarger personal loans and many borrowers can get by for three or four months before repayments become a real. problem." Ms Eaglesham said.

#### ing societies. Another contentious area the code will deal with is

WILLMAKER, based in ager, said: "When fixed rates London, is launching a willwriting service combining a telephone helpline, an easy to read summary, and an immediate refund to dissatisfied customers. Its postal service costs £49.95 for a full will and a further £25 for a mirror will.

☐ Guinness Flight, the investment management arm of Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank, has launched the first offshore fund investing solely in high-yielding European bonds. The European High Income Bond Fund aims to provide a yield of about 11.5 per cent.

□ NEM Insurance is introducing a home protection policy based on the number of bedrooms and the postal address. Aspects One-to-Five which will cover up to £30,000 in household possessions, will offer a discount of 20 per cent to first time buyers and a 5 per cent "maturity" discount for those over age 55.

☐ Barclays Bank is launching a new telephone helpline to offer advice on tax exempt special savings accounts (Tessas) to be introduced on January 2. Savers can dial 0800 400 144 free from 8 am to 10 pm weekdays and from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays, The bank also plans a 24-hour telephone service for Tessa clients to arrange transactions outside normal hours.

☐ Holders of Eurocards, International Cirrus cards, Eurocheque cards and all types of Mastercard, will be able to use Midland Bank's 2,000 cash dispensers from Monday. The link will also enable Midlandissued Eurocheque cards to be used in more than 20,000 European cash machines in 16 European countries.

☐ Research published this week by the Leeds Permanent Building Society shows that fixed-rate mortgages are be-coming increasingly popular with customers opting for larger loans. Alistair Thomson, mortgage marketing man-

are typically 1.5 per cent lower than the normal varible rate. discerning borrowers quickly realise that rates have to come down at least twice over the fixed period before they begin to lose out."

Among fixed-rate loans currently on offer is the 11.95 per cent (12.9 per cent APR) mortgage from Peter Gargett. of Leeds, fixed for the next

☐ Godfrey Jillings, former. senior executive at National Westminster Bank, takes up his new role as chief executive of the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra) on Monday, replacing Ray O'Brien, who retired in August due to ill health. ☐ Bradford and Bingley, Building Society is to run avilarge national television. advertising campaign and is issuing a leaflet to raise public awareness of the benefits of independent financial advice. The move follows the publication of a survey revealing that 54 per cent of people were

unable to name an indepen-

dent financial adviser, even

though 64 per cent agreed that they were likely to provide the

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## Fighting plastic card fraud

Mrs Elizabeth Orr's letter retailers like Mrs Orr, to win. (November 17) outlining her Yours faithfully, exasperation caused by a delay MERVYN GIBSON, Barclaycard confirming Managing director, whether or not she was dealing Barclays Merchant Services, with a potentially fraudulent transaction using a stolen Pulic Relations Department.

As a retailer Mrs Ort has an 4 Royal Mint Court, EC3. arrangement with a bank for the processing and settlement From Mr Andrew McGahey of card transactions. The correct procedure is for her to call that bank who will then obtain by agreed inter-bank proce- 17). dures - the information she

Mrs Orr is to be congratufited on her public spirited effort to prevent a credit card fraud being perpetrated. It is the police on the day of the essential that banks and retailers work together in the fight against plastic card fraud. She was right to be suspicious didn't match that on the card.

when the signature on the strip Card fraud has increased enormously in the last two years and all banks are working together on joint projects to defeat the fraudsters. These are non-competitive issues between banks and as chairman of the inter-bank group coordinating our work on plastic card fraud, much of which is organised crime, I can assure

From Mr Mervyn Gibson your readers that we are Sir, I was concerned to read determined, with the help of Barclays Bank,

Johnson Smirke Building

Sir, I read with interest Elizabeth Orr's recent experiences with Barclaycard (November

Whilst shopping with our six week old daughter my wife's handbag, including her Barclaycard, was stolen. The incident was duly reported to theft (September 13), phoned through to Barclaycard that afternoon and, as requested by her bank, confirmed in writing On October 4, my wife received her usual monthly Barclaycard statement which itemised a cash advance of £200 together with a £3 handling charge on September 24 - some ten days after the card was stolen!

I wrote to Barclaycard on October 14 requesting a full investigation as to how an individual is able to withdraw cash on a card that has been

for this (my account was

charged for every transaction

although in credit for the

which was debited from my

account without prior noti-

fication - only discovering

Without knowing to the

contrary I used my account as

if it was credited with this

money and thus the account

This time I received charges

of £12 for an overdraft letter

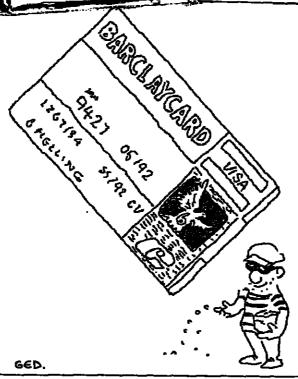
was overdrawn again.

debit their account?

Yours faithfully, ALISON HUNT, 9 Tedworth Square,

SW3.

received my next statement!



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reported as stolen. I pointed out that the individual would steal again believing he would be in a postion to make cash withdrawals without being apprehended.

I have yet to receive a response to my letter from Barclaycard. To compound matters further my wife has recently received her November statement itemising a £4.07 interest charge on the 74 Kingscourt Road, SW16.

Trade description?

Sir, Like Mr O'Leary (Novem-

ber 17) and Messrs Petersen

and Money-Coutts (Novem-

ber 24) I am most concerned

at Bupa's decision to exclude

the participants of their so-

called lifelong protection scheme from their arrange-

ments for tax allowances un-

der the government's new pro-

Bupa that an alternative sol-

From Mr Don Fair

previous balance. I can only reiterate the final sentence of the letter from Elizabeth Orr asking whether or not Barclaycard really have the stomach to fight fraud and theft or are they willing to continue to supply free cash withdrawals to any thief able to acquire one of their cards? Yours faithfully, ANDREW McGAHEY,

ial basis. They answered that the lifelong protection element has no surrender value.

Is this a reasonable response? I am already concerned enough that because of inflation and Bupa's policy of increasing the loading on old people's subscriptions, the proportion of my annual subscription covered by my participation in their lifelong protection scheme has fallen from a half, seven years ago, to only a fifth of my subscription

The Times regrets it cannot give individual replies or ad-Is this "protection" in terms vice. No legal responsibility of the Trades Description Act? can be accepted for advice or Yours truly, statements in these columns and independent professional 6 Pembroke Villas, W8. advice should be sought

### Portfolio. Sir, Thank you for printing Mr Rein's letter (November 3)

**Societies** 

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societies are, more correctly,

called elsewhere in the Euro-

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impact?

Sincerely yours

47 Dove Park,

Hatch End.

FRANK SELBY.

societies a few years ago;

perhaps he might consider

serving again, with a wider

• Letters are welcomed, but

From Mr Frank Selby

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 41). Share Weekly No Man Trees Wed Ther Fel Shat Tytel

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Who makes the rules, and how can they be changed? Yours faithfully A.G. CONNELLY. 8'Palmerston Road Edinburgh.

From the director of National Sir, Mr Richard F. Messik

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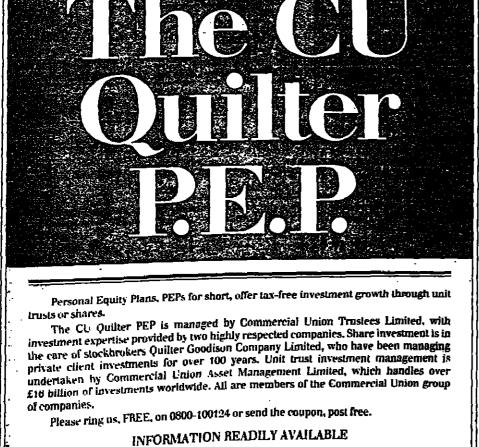
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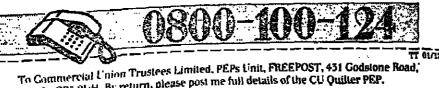
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the idea of the original ombudsman, otherwise known as the parliamentary commissioner for administration, was so much appreciated that in the past decade it has spread, via any ombudsman is supposed to various public authorities, into . do depends entirely upon the the private sector.

Starting with an ombudsman for insurance, there are now others for banking, building societies, unit trusts and estate agents — not to mention occasional employees of newspapers attracted by the title.

Two of the ombudsmen are so busy that deputy ombudsmen are

have just been joined by an ombudsman for legal services and another for pensions, while a third for conveyancing is on the way, doubtless to be followed in due course by others.

But the term "ombudsman" does not in itself constitute an adequate job description. What appeal or by way of case stated to

# Who will watch the watchdogs?

individual terms of reference.

For some ombudsmen, the decisions must strictly comply with the law. Others may be equitable or "fair in all the circumstances". Some of the procedures are traditionally adversarial, others exercise inquisitorial powers; some ombudsmen merely peruse papers, others hold more or less informal hearings; The established ombudsmen for some strict confidentiality prevails over the principles of natural justice, others copy everything to each side; some of the awards are merely recommendations, others are binding and probably enforceable, but sometimes only against one party; some may be taken on



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JULIAN FARRAND INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN

review presumably apart).

Beyond the job, the basic schemes differ: some are statutory, compulsory and comprehensive, while others are voluntary, with usually a friendly but not necessarily a full or fixed membership. Again their operation varies.

Persons interested in being an ombudsman should scrutinise the methods, conditions and periods of appointment plus

the courts, others cannot (judicial likelihood of renewal, searching perhaps for that security of tenure upon which the independence of dons used to depend. Equally, enquiries might well be pursued about such mundane matters as funding and budgeting, staffing and accommodation. reporting and managing, to say nothing of pay and delegation.

In my opinion, all the existing distinctions of significance between ombudsmen are of legitimate public interest, if not con-

cern. As a fashionable form of alternative dispute resolution made available to customers, past, present or future, of large service industries, the schemes cannot properly be treated as purely private ventures.

Of course, it is hardly surprising nor really worrying that there should be differences of form or substance: each ombudsman was established in reaction to peculiar perceived needs or demands and the dissimilar features of their schemes could be easily justifiable.

But the overriding picture is in danger of becoming bewildering in the public perception. The confusion is compounded by the fact that there are also numerous others doing an ombudsman-like job who are called something else

- for example, observer, referee. or complaints investigator.

This somewhat chaotic situation is certainly reminiscent of the early ad hoc development of administrative or inferior tribunals - those dealing, beneath or outside the courts, with rents, employment, national insurance, service pensions, and so on. Increasing criticism of their perceived inconsistencies of practice and principle eventually produced the Council of Tribunals, essentially to take an authorita-tive overview of their creation and performance.

My suggestion is that a similar body should be constituted to watch the watchdogs and overhear their masters' voices. Objective and informed observers should be able to check, both comparatively and fundamentally, that each ombudsman-like job was not only set up properly but is also run as well as done

#### NON-TAXPAYERS will be able to register with the Inland Revenue from Monday to receive gross interest on bank or building society accounts after April 6 next year. All others will have the basic rate of 25 per cent deducted from their interest when the 22 per cent composite tax is abolished at the same time (Rich-

ard Irving writes). But taxpayers whose building societies or banks pay their annual interest after April will find themselves receiving a lower rate of interest than those collecting interest before the April cut-off date. Investors paid annual interest in May, for example, will be paid at the lower rate, even though in theory they should qualify for the higher rate for all but one month.

According to some estimates, the tax change could cost investors up to 0.5 per cent in interest in the first

An Abbey National spokesman believed the figure to be nearer 0.3 per cent. The bank's high interest cheque account currently pays 8.3 per cent, which falls to 7.99 per cent vice. The saving halves to just when basic rate tax is £10 on an account paying out

To avoid losing interest ing director of Wentworth-Rose, a financial adviser based in Ascot, Berkshire, is recommending clients to close their accounts on April 5 and re-invest the proceeds on April 6. "In this way they will receive the higher net rate of lost. interest available for the maximum period possible."

Investors in 90-day acto close in the near future to avoid losing interest, while into the higher-rate bracket." those in term accounts should elect to take interest monthly echoed by Nationwide Anglia, changes. from now until March to benefit from higher rates, he

But the amount of money investors will save depends principally on the date that paid. For example, a basic rate taxpayer who invests £10,000

## Moment arrives to note interest



which pays interest in Septemat the end of December.

"Investors should consider through these tax changes, their individual tax position Raymond Peyre, joint manag- carefully before taking any action," said a Woolwich spokeswoman.

"in particular, non-taxpayers should do nothing until after April 6, when they may be able to claim back interest they would otherwise have branches from Monday.

same tax year pushes them

The plea for caution is tion on these important which s ts that in many cases the saving will simply not justify any action.

Society's Prime Gold account, allow joint account holders to leaflet.

receive interest part gross and

part net of tax, he added.

Nevertheless, some building societies, particularly those paying annual interest around September or October, are offering investors the opportunity to take any interest accruing to them at the higher rate before the new changes apply.

The Leeds Permanent

Building Society is offering an early interest payment to more than 1.5 million investors. David Andrew, head of savings and investments, said: "The payment, which applies to Solid Gold, Special Edition and Liquid Gold accounts will enable investors to maximise the return on their savings without having to go through the process of closing and reopening their accounts."

Similar offers are being made to Abbey National investors, while the Nationwide will "respond to requests on an individual basis". ☐ The Halifax will split in-

terest on joint accounts and will quote new gross interest on all its accounts from February 1 next year (Sara McConnell writes). Existing rates will apply on

Halifax accounts until January 31 except for Maxim, Monthly Income Xtra, and 90 Day Xtra, which pay income monthly. Rates will not change on these accounts until March 31. Leaflets explaining the tax changes to customers and Inland Revenue forms will be available from Halifax

Jim Birrell, Halifax chief Basic rate taxpayers hover- executive, said: "The new-tax ing close to their upper limit arrangements will be beneshould also be careful lest a ficial to a large number of our counts will need to give notice second interest payment in the investors. We intend to do all we can to ensure our customers receive full informa-

also published a leaflet explaining who is entitled to Investors are far better off receive bank and building looking for an account that society interest tax free. Savers will provide for them under can pick this up from banks annual interest is due to be the new tax laws," said a building societies, post offices spokesman. The society was and tax offices from Monday. launching a new range of In mid-January every housein the Woolwich Building schemes next week that would hold will receive a copy of the

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# Gem of an investment loses any sparkle under shady Hanover

By Tony Hetherington

SAPPHIRES are where the smart money is going. Gains of 25 per cent are on the cards within the next six weeks, and investors can double or even treble their money by the end of 1992. Natural green sapphires from Sri Lanka present a particularly good investment, because half of the mines producing them have been closed by civil strife.

Not many people know this, but I do because John Sheppard told me. John works for the Hanover Assets Trading Company, a precious stone dealer in Amsterdam. A few days ago he rang me up to offer two remarkable investment opportunities.

Unfortunately, there were one or two little details he left out of our conversation: ☐ Neither of Hanover's two recorded directors is in the

emstone business. The business is actually in the hands of two Canadians whose past is littered with ed companies. ☐ Sri Lanka's sapphire mines

are not affected by the Tamil insurrection. According to Hanover's advertising literature, "perceptive investors around the

world have made fortunes by accumulating increasingly scarce and steadily appreciating certified gems". This optimism was reinforced when Mr Sheppard telephoned. A Ronald Reagan

sound-alike, he asked: "I am sure you are interested in making important - money; aren't you?" Assured that I was he

continued: "The situation is extremely good right now to receive substantial profits in a very short period of time, and I'll tell you how. "Our strongest recommendation right now at this mo-

ment is the green natural sapphires from Sri Lanka, which I'm sure you're aware has been under internal warfare between the Tamils and government forces for several years. Of the four major mine

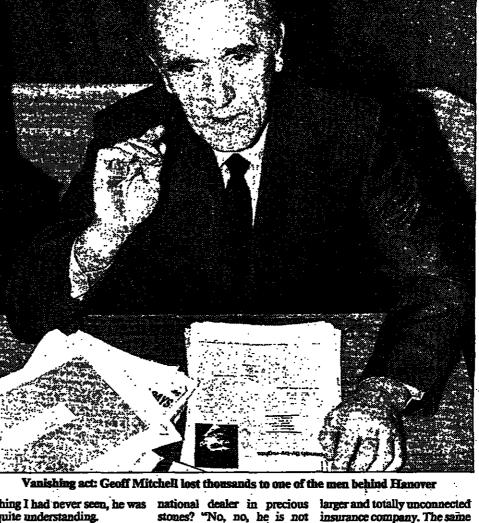
sites, two have been blown up by the rebels. Production of investment quality gems has dropped by 70 per cent."
After claiming a 25 per cent price rise was imminent. Mr

Sheppard came to the point. Tve two positions available today, and we want to get you started in a small way, to show you what the market is all "I have a 1.72 carat natural

green sapphire. It is \$2,630, with a \$50 one-time administration cost."

And, in case these carats were too small, Mr Sheppard could offer me something a little larger, an identical stone except that it measured 1.96 carats and cost \$3,410 - plus the extra \$50, of course.

card number, please. When I expressed some hesitation at the idea of giving my card number to someone I had never met, to pay for some-



quite understanding.

business with Visa," he said. exactly what we said, they would pull our card on us."

So perhaps I could talk to my bank manager first? Mr Sheppard shot me a wilting glance down the phone. "With all due respect, does your bank available for comment. manager know anything about the precious gem market?" No, I answered, but he does know about Visa.

Mr Sheppard warmed to his theme. "Your guarantee of safety, yes, is the Visa company. That guarantees you protection. That guarantees you delivery. And it guar-antees you exactly what I say is fact. So let's get started with it, go ahead with it . . . what is

the expiry date on your card?" When I again demurred, Mr Sheppard reluctantly agreed to call me back in 30 minutes, after I had spoken with my bank. But as I spent most of the next two hours on the telephone, it was rather longer

before we spoke again. A call to the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce estabhished that the directors of Hanover are David and Christine Lowry, who live not in Amsterdam but the tiny port of Castletown on the Isle of Man. And a call to Mrs Lowry established that she knew nothing about gernstones and roughly the same amount

involved in the jewellery business at all," she said. So are the Lowrys mere

nominees, concealing the identities of the true controllers of Hanover? "It is much better if you speak to my husband about it." Unfortunately, Mr Lowry was away and not

Who, then, is really behind Hanover Assets? Legal sources in the Netherlands quickly came up with two names, both Canadians, and both with a long history as wallet-thinners: Alexander Funt, and Barnet Altwerger.

Mr Funt was one of the owners of Mercantile Benedict, a Brussels company that sold shares over the telephone in the same way that Hanover sells gemstones. In 1986, the Belgian authorities closed the firm in the public interest.

Mr Funt then worked from Société Financière Benedict in Switzerland. But, in 1987, it went bankrupt. Both com-panies had heavily promoted shares in tiny businesses such as Textech, which claimed a miracle process for dyeing cloth, and Key Projects, a biotechnology firm with a patent on a blood treatment system. Every company promoted by Mr Funt vanished

from view when he did.

Mr Funt re-emerged in Barcelona at the helm of Commercial Union, a sharepushing business that cheekily adopted the name of the rather

American authorities to be an outright fraud. Mr Mitchell lost every penny.
But his name is still on Mr Funt's files. "I've had two

Vanguard was found by the

mailshots from Amsterdam about gemstones," he said.
"One was from Hanover Assets." Needless to say, Mr Mitchell will not be accepting Mr Funt's latest offer of investment advice.

Mr Altwerger's past is even more colourful than Mr Funt's. Now in his seventies. Altwerger has been known to the Canadian authorities for almost half a century. He has convictions for fraud and gambling offences, and his numerous past swindles are matched only by the number of his known aliases: Barney Auld, Barney Ames, Ernest Auld, Ernest Altwerger, and Archie Bennett.

While Mr Funt was running Mercantile Benedict in Brussels, Altwerger was operating BA Investment Advisory Services in Amsterdam. His vanishing companies included Scheriock Security Systems, marketed at 95c before it disappeared when the Netherlands' government closed his brokerage business and made Mr Altwerger bankrupt.

So, despite all this, could Mr Sheppard's offer of sapphires be legitimate? Not a chance. According to Philip Stocker, consultant valuer with the National Association of Goldsmiths, green sapphires are

When Mr Sheppard called back I told him I had my doubts about his company. Unabashed, he repeated his favourite theme: "The Visa company would not bond us if they thought people were concealing anything.

Visa itself said that it was "aware of enquiries concerning Hanover Assets". A spokeswoman said its representatives in the Netherlands were "taking steps".

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TWO more companies linked

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cial Services has been apto the Castlegate Group have pointed joint administrative days. receiver of Brandon Finance The officer in charge of the

and Walford Finance. Harold Sorksy, one of the partners, said: "We've not been able to do much because the Serious Fraud Office has taken away books and papers This money was used as to be able to start in the next working capital to set up couple of weeks. We were called in by a bank which is repayments. The premises of Castlegate

were raided by the Serious quantity of papers was taken away. The brick building is now apparently shut up and repainted last Wednesday. No-one has been answer-

ing the telephone in recent

investigation at the Thames Valley Fraud Squad, which is working in conjunction with the SFO said: "We have seen enough to confirm our concerns at the way Castlegate managed these smaller companies. Our enquiries centre around the management by Castlegate of money lent to borrowers by investor companies for the specific purpose

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# Invisible man makes presence felt at the Stock Exchange

By CAROL LEONARD

ndrew Hugh Smith was wandering about the Royal Acadamy of Art's summer exhibition in 1989. It was a private viewing sponsored by a merchant bank, and the Academy was littered with recognisable City personalities. He moved from room to room, a benign smile on his face as he stared at each painting in turn.

It was extraordinary that this man, the chairman of the International Stock Exchange, was able to move about the building entirely unimpeded. Not one of the assembled City dignitaries turned to greet him. Not even ritual exchanges of raised eyebrows as a muted sign of mutual recognition.

The fact is, most people have never heard of Andrew Hugh Smith. Unlike his forerunner, Sir Nicholas Goodison, he has adopted a low profile ever since he was handed control of the exchange - and, for the first time, a £144.000 salary - in 1988.

When his appointment was announced Hugh Smith refused to hold a press conference or to be photographed. He had been the senior partner of a second tier stockbroking firm, Capel Cure Myers, and was not widely known. The Times responded by publishing a cartoon of a man in a pinstriped suit with a paper bag over his head. Two City gents were walking behind him. "It must be the new chairman of the Stock Exchange," said one to the other. That cartoon encapsulated City sentiment. He was dubbed "Andrew Hugh Who?"

"It was very awkward at the time," Hugh Smith now proffers by way of explanation. "I was elected in the summer but Nicholas staved on as chairman until the beginning of November. It made it difficult for me to give my own personal views, with him still in charge. But, equally, it can be use-

ful to have time to find your way." There are those what would argue, however, that this aversion to publicity, even if he is now slowly overcoming it, is far more deep-seated than that.

His friends and detractors are now largely in agreement that he is not just a quiet man, he is quietly determined. He is a man who has proved, by action rather than words, that he gets things done. But they are also in agreement that the most overwhelming impression he creates, even at the age of 59, is of enormous shyness.

Hugh Smith admits that he was "painfully shy" as a child. "I would hop up and down wondering what an earth to say next, if I found myself talking to another little boy or a little girl at a party."

: His initial choice of career was law "fascinating", standing up to speak in public was quite another matter. "I got used to it after a while but I should think I sounded pretty awful. I always felt very nervous. I practised for about three years but I never really got very far. In the end I came to the conclusion that perhaps it was not 'a life that suited me."

Court work has, after all, often been likened to the theatre. Hugh Smith does not disagree, adding, "I have never had the slightest inclination to go on the stage. It wouldn't have suited me."

"No, he is not a theatrical performer, nor a charismatic speaker," says one of his closest City colleagues, Peter Stevens, who until recently was deputy chairman of the exchange and is now managing director of GT Management, the fund management group.

"But if you look at the content of his speeches it's all there. There is nothing flamboyant about him; he plods on. But he knows exactly where he wants to go and he is determined to get there. He has

### BUSINESS—— PROFILE

**Andrew Hugh Smith** 

great unflappability and thinks everything through carefully before he speaks.

"He is a very civilised chap. You could not imagine being stabbed between the shoulder blades by him. But a lot of people cannot see the steel that runs right through him. If you underestimate him you will come off the loser." Another council member, John

Woolfenden, agrees that initial assessments of Hugh Smith have turned out to be entirely wrong. "I don't know of any doubters on the council any more" he says, admitting that there had once been many. "I was worried myself at first, but now I'm impressed with him. He might be softly spoken but he knows how to chair a meeting and he has grown in stature with the job. He has changed."

Andrew Beeson, also once a Capel-Cure Myers partner, thinks Hugh Smith's shyness is respon-sible for what is often erroneously interpreted as an arrogant air. "I don't think he finds it all that easy to mix in a crowd, to make small talk and socialise."

That would certainly explain his behaviour at the summer exhibition. He is seen, in short, as a likeable but curiously lonely fig-ure. "I do not feel isolated at all but I do hate cocktail parties," Hugh Smith concurs. He insists, however, that it is not due to shyness alone.

"I am slightly deaf - from shooting without mufflers. That makes it very difficult to pick out one voice from another in a hubbub. But I enjoy company. I would hate to live by myself. I just find it tremendously difficult to be friendly with the people I work with closely. Business always gets

ut Hugh Smith often does live by himself during the week in Little Venice, returning home to his wife Venetia at their 18th century Buckinghamshire rectory at weekends. They married 26 years ago, five years after they had met at a London party.

"My wife prefers to live in the country," Hugh Smith says. "A lot of men working in the City live

His wife trains gun dogs, an interest shared with her husband since he is also chairman of maker. The eldest of their two children, David, aged 23, has just come down from Trinity College, Cambridge - coincidentally his father's old college - with a degree in history. Peter, aged 21, is reading geography at Reading.

Hugh Smith himself comes from an establishment background. The eldest of three children from a comfortable middle class home, he belongs to the right clubs, Brooks's and Pratt's.

His father was a Lieutenant-Commander in the Navy and, both before and after the war worked in the City, latterly as chairman of a group of investment trusts. His brother was the manding officer of the Blues and Royals, arguably the most pukka regiment in the land, and also equerry in waiting to the Duke of Edinburgh.

Despite such military influences, the family's City tra-dition dates back to 1680 when his ancestors founded Smith's Bank in Nottingham. It was absorbed into the National Westminster empire 70 years ago. "One of my cousins was a director of NatWest

up until ten years ago," Hugh Smith adds.

His own arrival in the square mile came comparatively late in life. It was after two years' national service, his short-lived career as a barrister, and then a stint in marketing for Courtaulds. He joined Canel-Cure Carden, as it was then called, as a blue button on the exchange floor at the age of 38 - "I think I must have been the oldest blue button ever" - and admits it was "a bit of a culture shock".

"Stockbroking had a long way to develop. They all kept talking about good management and bad nent, but the management of their own firms was pretty appalling. Some firms didn't know how much money they had made until the auditors found out at the end of the year. To have had some industrial experience was enor-

vacuated to the Western Highlands during the war, he attended a village school there for a while and learnt Gaelic - "but I've forgotten it now" - and he still returns to the self-same village for holidays whenever he can, to "get away from the telephone and relax. I have a flat there. I go fishing and keep a small boat".

He is clearly at his happiest pursuing the outdoor life. Even as a small boy he kept ferrets to catch rabbits. "A local butcher used to give me 2s 6d for each rabbit I caught. One day I caught 40 and that was an awful lot of money

But he is far removed from the hale and hearty male usually associated with such field sports. As a pupil at Ampleforth College, the Roman Catholic boarding school in Yorkshire, he admits that he probably seemed "very studious" because he read a lot.

"I was never very good at games. I'm very blind, short sighted. I had to take my spectacles off for football and that meant that I could never see the ball. Academically I-was reasonable. I got the equivalent of three

Hugh Smith is still a committed Catholic and religion plays an important part in his life. "I go to church most Sundays," he says. "Religion makes you set certain basic standards of behaviour and I think that's quite important. When one has difficult periods it helps a lot. It gives a different dimension to life.'

It is said to be because of these beliefs that he once banned stripo-grams from the trading floor at Capel-Cure Myers. "I have a strong sense of humour. I laugh easily, but it is not a lavatorial sense of humour. I can be a wit ang a dit of a reco never remember jokes. I am not the sort of person who flies off into great rages, I will perhaps come out with a curt remark instead. But I'm not enormously exacting. I expect a certain level of performance but I am also aware that we are all homan."

Hugh Smith has certainly survived difficult periods during his first two years as chairman of the exchange. One of his earliest moves was to bring in Peter Rawlins as chief executive, replacing Jeffrey Knight.

It was an unpopular change at the time. But Rawlins has since proved himself a strong and able leader. Hugh Smith's decision has been vindicated.

"There was a period of uncertainty after Big Bang, but the exchange is now going in the right direction," says Hugh Smith. "The City is still much the strongest financial centre in Europe and so long as we continue to provide services and operate flexibly and the government continues to support us, or at least does not get in our way, then I think we will

Europe." He admits that two years ago the weight of regulation in the square mile posed a very real problem, "but that regulatory regime is improving and is now being administered more flexibly".

He is also optimistic about the future for small shareholders. claiming that within the next couple of years, provided costs can be controlled, it should be viable for firms to handle holdings of as little as £1,000.

He admits that "firms are not making money at the moment, market conditions are very difficult indeed". He believes the perseverance of so many big firms "has been extraordinary", but that in earlier years "they saw the

His own job has, by his own estimation, another three or four years to go. "I think five or six years is probably as long as anybody ought to do this job." But the differences between him

and Goodison are already apparent. "A lot of our joint friends would perhaps say that he is much more of an intellectual," says Hugh Smith. Some fellow council members complain that he consults them far less than Goodison.

"I have tried to get far more work done by the executive staff. I think policy proposals should be worked out by staff in consultation with practitioners and the council

"I don't think I have ever presented them with anything cut and dried, but the involvement of council members in policy formation is less than it was in the early stages. It's a more efficient way."

Hugh Smith thinks he was elected to the job because "people see me as being trustworthy and sensible. Someone with reasonable intelligence. A safe pair of hands".

ut he is not as dry, boring and coldly logical as that makes him sound. "I enjoy using my intellect but I don't depend on it totally. Underneath everything there is a certain amount of . . . emotion."

He now looks as awkward as he sounds. He is an emotional man then? "Yes, but I would never show it in public. If you get sent away to board at the age of eight it tends to breed a certain sense of

He admits he gets "nostalgic for people and places" and has been known to cry. But in public he keeps it bottled up. He lets off steam by driving his car, a Saab, 'fairly fast".

It becomes apparent then that Hugh Smith has not really changed after all. He is simply waiting to be recognised for what he really is. Those who work with him most closely have now The time has perhaps come for others to do likewise.



Living for the City: Andrew Hugh Smith and his wife, Venetia, to whom he returns at weekends

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## bridge too far on Danube WHEN Hungary shed com-

munism last year and tore down its barbed-wire border with the West, it was Austrian businessmen bearing cash who were among the first to cross the frontier. Austria soon became Hungary's biggest foreign investor, priming the pump of reborn capitalism and sending a signal to the rest of Europe that the

risk was worth taking. Today, however, that friendship that harks back to the Habsburg empire has turned sour, as Budapest and Vienna lock horns over controversial plans to host the first dual city world exposition in 1995.

Tentatively called "Bridges to the Future", promoters say the fair will underscore the common history and destiny of the former royal capitals on the Danube. It is a particularly poignant theme following the end of the East-West political divide and the re-emergence of Mineleuropa.

But instead of harmony, Expo has become a tangled tale of discord between the two economically unequal cities. Indeed, it may not take place at all.

The problem is simply money. Wealthy Vienna, with its wellestablished tourist trade, is ready and able to stage the extravaganza. Financing is assured by a banking consortium and the city's business community is decidedly gung ho

for the project. e. Poor Hungary, however, tottering on the brink of bankruptcy and saddled with a \$20 billion foreign debt, can ill-afford the estimated \$8 billion investment needed to enlarge and tidy up its already



From Ernest Beck in Sudapest



Budapest: rivalling Vienna

overstretched tourism infrastructure.

is palpable as the December 12 deadline approaches for a decision to be given to the Paris-based Bureau of International Exhibitions. Hungary's hesitancy was apparent last month when Gabor Demszky, a former dissident who is now the mayor of Budapest, travelled to Vienna to soothe Austrian angst over a possible pull-out and to make a

plea for patience. He suggested that the fair be postponed until 1996. Budapest, with a Viennese exposition, but

Budapest's fears are largely justified. Faced with the legacy of communist rule - including a chronic housing shortage, 30,000 homeless, a failing health system, decrepit roads, hopeless telephones and badly polluted air building luxury hotels for up to 12 million extra environment-un-

friendly visitors is not a priority. Experts say that in addition to five star hotels, a new motorway and high speed rail link between the capitals, the city needs refurbished port and airport terminals. a new underground line and river bridges, not to mention complete redevelopment of the Expo site the delapidated industrial island

Expositions are always tricky financial affairs. Studies show that nine out of ten never fully recoup direct capital investment. Supporters say there are enough

of Csepel, south of Budapest.

private sponsors to pay the bill. Enterprise International and Development, an American company, has even proposed taking on full responsibility for the technical and financial side.

Ferenc Rabar, Hungary's fi-nance minister, who is struggling to tame a bloated budget with the International Monetary Fund looking on, has said bluntly: "There will be state expenditure for Expo only over my dead

Murder has not yet been mooted as a viable solution, but he added, might be able to stage a Austrian patience is wearing thin,

### -SUMMARY

## Loan code to curb excesses

BANKS and building societies are expected to reveal details of a new code of practice for loans this week that will curb some of the marketing techniques criticised by John Major, the new prime minister, in his Budget speech as chancellor this year.

The code is expected to urge greater care to be taken in promoting loans to younger people and in encouraging customers in financial difficulty to seek some immediate

#### **Publicity shy**



Andrew Hugh Smith, chairman of the International Stock Exchange, has a reputation among City colleagues for being overwhelmingly shy. Although he is gradually overcoming an aversion to public-ity, he is still thought of as a quietly determined man for whom actions speak louder than words. He talks to Carol

#### Lacklustre gems

Two Canadians whose past is littered with collapsed companies are behind a firm of precious gems dealers market-ing natural green sapphire stones in Britain from an office in Amsterdam. The stones, which investors are told will double or even treble in value in the next two years, are nearly worthless according to an expert valuer .... Page 46

### **Honest Ernie**



Suggestions that Ernie is more likely to pick a recently-issued premium bond than an older one have been rejected by John Patterson, director of savings at the Department for National Savings. Fewer older numbers are winning because over the years many earlier bonds have been cashed

### Jail threat

The judge who jailed two men at Southwark Crown Court for making multiple share applications in government privatisations indicated that the punishments should serve as a warning to those subscribing to the sale of the 12 electricity companies..... ..... Page 39

### Bank warning

The Bank of England issued a warning through its market operations that it wants base rates to be held at 14 per cent despite pressure for an early cut. The City sees the move as a sign that Norman Lamont the new Chancellor, wishes to 

#### THE SUNDAY TIMES Tunnel of trouble

"I got picked on the most publicly by the contractors. That is where the legend grew up of my

intransigence, the totally abrasive Morton. It was all inflated."

Alastair Morton, boss of Eurotunnel, in The Sunday Times tomorrow.

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# Plugging into the electricity sale

Martin Waller focuses on the strengths and weaknesses of the 12 regional distribution companies being privatised

APPLICATIONS for shares in the 12 electricity mean that any serious long-term investor should distribution companies in England and Wales close certainly buy shares in their region. The stock market distribution companies in England and Wales close on Wednesday, and all application forms and cheques have to be received by 10 am that day.

Already 7.3 million people have registered for the special incentives available. If you have not registered yet, sadly you will miss out on these incentives, but there is no reason why you should not apply for the shares. The best incentives are only available if you buy shares in your local board and come in the form of money off electricity bills or bonus shares if you do not sell out immediately.

The incentives are undoubtedly generous and

is taking the strong view that all 12 flotations will be a roaring success, assuming no conflagration in the Gulf. On this basis, you are unlikely to get all the shares you ask for and will probably have your application "scaled back". On Monday, The Times will consider the options for those who want to "stag" the issue and take a quick profit.

With one exception, the 12 split into three categories, those whose customers are mostly industrial, those with a larger proportion of domestic consumers and those with a mixed bag of customers.

EASTERN: By both area and sales, the largest of the RECs, the government's chosen acronym for regional electricity companies. An earlier tag, "disco" for distribution companies, was dropped as being too flippant but is still sometimes

Biased towards the domestic market, Eastern serves some of the fastest-growing regional economies in the country. This is reflected in the way the company has been priced. It contains some of the more depressed areas in north London but has lost very little supply business in the new

SOUTHERN: Seen along with Eastern as the strongest companies of the 12, and priced accordingly, Southern has low exposure to industry and a fastgrowing and generally well-off population. This, however, has its disadvantages for investors; proportionately, the area contains a large number of households who have traditionally gone for privatisation issues, so the shares are likely to be scarce and heavy scaling-back is also likely.

The management is experienced and highly thought of in City

circles. What industry there is comprises small businesses in a diversity of sectors, so Southern could suffer least from a recession.

SEEBOARD: Another REC heavily biased towards the domestic consumer and in a prosperous likely. SEEBOARD creeps into

some parts of south London. One problem facing the southern boards is that there is little real prospect of strong growth in demand. They will miss the seesaw effect experienced over the past decade by the industrial boards, who have seen demand vary wildly as regional economies prosper and then decline. But there is little chance, given the overcrowded nature of the region and the constraints on housebuilding, to bolt on large numbers of new domestic customers, who provide the bulk of profits.

Meanwhile the southerners, because of the regulatory regime in place ahead of the float, suffer the greatest constraints on raising prices much above the inflation

SEEBOARD, however, does have one advantage, the Channel tunnel, which will both provide a big new customer and help the local economy.

## ELECTRICITY

LONDON: The odd one out, in that its unique location places it outside the three categories, London has been penalised for its obvious advantages. These include the huge size of its domestic customer base, always the most stable part of a REC's business, and low maintenance charges, as most of the distribution network is

underground. The company's disadvantages should not be overlooked. Rates and wage levels are higher in the capital than elsewhere; it is also fair to say that the board has not inspired enormous confidence in the City.

Customers will probably concur with another of the City's views, that there is scope for improvement in the company's retail

base puts Midlands in the middle of the range and proud of it, as the company itself says. It takes in not only the heart of the British manufacturing industry in the West Midlands but also a number of prosperous and fast-growing areas, in particular those set to benefit from the extensions of the

The company is, therefore, far less reliant on the engineering industry than might have been

Total sales have been climbing over the past few years, helped by the "Telford effect," the large number of commercial customers who have been attracted to the



EAST MIDLANDS: If its counterpart further west, Midlands, likes to be thought of as safe, East Midlands is keen to be seen as innovatory, in so far as a REC can

The company is one of the keenest on own-generation proiects, the eventual aim being to create the closest thing the industry has to a vertically-integrated utility.

Another mixed board, East Midlands lacks large conurbations but contains a sprinkling of towns such as Lincoln, Northampton and Kettering enjoying varying degrees of prosperity and providing homes to a diverse industrial base. Only last month the company put in place the financing for an ambitious £170 million power station at Corby, burning gas from

SOUTH WESTERN: Probably best-known for its four-strong helicopter fleet, built up to survey the more rugged parts of its area and look for downed power lines and now let out to the other RECs as a nice little profits earner on the side, South Western is not otherwise regarded as a high-flyer. A domestic board, it serves a prosperous area with good prospects for population growth. High maintenance costs, with heavy damage after last winter's gales.



YORKSHIRE: The company has strongly impressed the City, to the extent that insiders have been known to complain that it is situated in the wrong place, given the regional trends that hold prospects back.

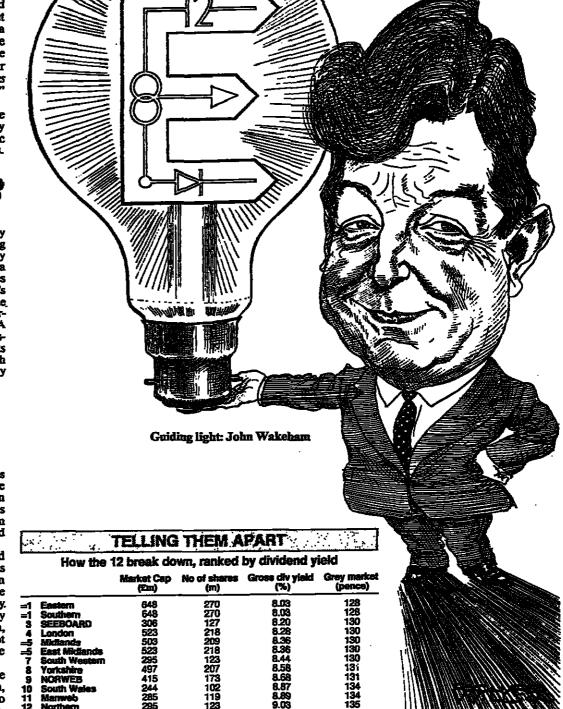
One of the mixed boards, and with the advantage of easy access to coal and gas for generation projects, it has a number of large industrial consumers, particularly. in the steel industry, who may eventually opt for own-generation. while its regional economy is not expected to grow at much more than the average rate. Keen on establishing some

neration capacity of its own, Yorkshire has also been willing to keep its marginally-profitable supply business and compete for. other areas'. It has the advantage of the highest overall population density outside the Southeast.

NORWEB: Taking in Manchester Scottish border, NORWEB has a heavy reliance on industrial consumers. But the company is less vulnerable to own-generation because its customer portfolio is widespread, taking in a number of firms rather than a few large users. and it is the latter, given the restrictions imposed on owngeneration, that are most likely to be lost.

The company has pinned its own colours to the mast on generation by an involvement in the Lakeland power station, one of the country's first independents, now being built, in which NORWEB will have a 20 per cent

None the less, an economic downturn would hit NORWEB harder than most of the RECs. NORWEB shares with Manweb the peculiarity of having to divide its attention between a big conurbation and a not particularly prosperous and sparsely-populated rural area.





SOUTH WALES: Perceived as one of the weakest of the regional electricity companies because of the state of the local economy, South Wales and its management have acquired a strong reputation among City followers, and the shares are among the analysts' favourites, not least because of the high yield

The company is one of the most heavily biased towards industrial users and can expect to lose the most business to competition. South Wales is, however, the smallest in terms of population and turnover.

ite, and like South Wales right at the top end of the dividend spread. population of North Wales, which puts a strain on maintenance Liverpool. This last brings its own problems, and Manweb staff tell hair-raising tales of trying to disconnect non-payers in some of the wilder areas of the conur-

More than a quarter of the lowmargin supply business has al-ready been lost, and prospects for regional economic growth are limited, while own-generation remains a threat.



An industrial board, Manweb also NORTHERN: It is fair comment that the directors have failed to make much headway in the City, but the company's control of costs over the past ten years and its low level of bad debts have been singled out for approval. This probably means there is little room for further improvement.

Northern is very much the industrial board, half of its output going to such consumers, the most important the Teesside chemicals complexes. It is content to remain very much the tightly-run utility rather than branching out into generation.

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# heap offers on deals

electricity companies will have a wide range of cheap dealing offers to choose from if their applications for shares are successful this week, as financial institutions continued to announce their

Abbey National is offering a postal dealing service. Customers can sell up to £1,250 worth of shares for a flat rate of £12.50, while deals over this amount will be charged at 1 per cent of the value of the shares sold. Families living at the same address holding up to four share certificates in the same company and selling in one transaction will pay the com-mission rate on the total value of all the shares added together plus £3 for each extra dealing cer-

A spokesman for the Abbev National said most families were likely to want to sell a total of less than £1,250 shares and would therefore pay the £12.50 flat rate. Shares sold can be credited directly to Abbey accounts. A leaflet called How to Sell Your Electricity Shares will be available at branches from December 5. Customers needing help with filling in their forms can also contact

Abbey's seven-day helpline. Rowan, Dartington, the Bristol stockbroker, is offering to sell up to £670 of shares for a flat rate commission of £15, so long as investors send their application forms through the broker. Shares with a value of £670 to £10,000 will be charged a commission of 1.5 per cent, while investors with more than £10,000 will be charged 0.5 per cent. Families will be

Sara McConnell on

the special terms that are available

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gregated dealings. Wise Speke, the private client

stockbroker, is also offering families a bulk deal, charging one minimum £15 commission for family applications with the same surname. John Wardle, director of Wise Speke's Leeds office, said existing clients or those whose applications were submitted through his firm would be able to deal without interim certificates. Rowan Dartington is also allowing dealing in this way.

The privatisation is widely ex-

pected to be oversubscribed, so some building societies are offering to recredit accounts without loss of interest with savings withdrawn to buy shares. Town and Country Building Society an-nounced this week that customers reinvesting cheques because they had not received their full allocation would not lose interest.

Ian Bell, Town and Country's managing director, said: "With the possibility of the electricity share issue being oversubscribed we would like our investors to know that we consider them valued customers and will therefore recredit any loss of interest to them if they reinvest with us." Cheques should be returned within three weeks of withdrawal. Fleming Investment Trust

Management is offering to swap electricity holdings for equivalent holdings in any of its 12 investment trusts for a standard charge of £7.50. The minimum value of the shares is £250.

☐ Diameter, the broker, gave warning this week that 25 per cent of the electricity share applications so far received by them have been filled in wrongly. Most frequently, investors are not applying for the correct number of shares and not carrying forward their own electricity board application into the total amount requested.

Shares must be ordered in the number specified. Each application form needs a separate cheque, names and addresses should be written on the reverse of the cheques and the cheques should be pinned to the application form.

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